

ODAWA TRAILS

ODAWA HOMECOMING POW WOW CANCELED, ROYALTY RETAIN THEIR CROWNS ANOTHER YEAR



By **Annette VanDeCar**, LTBB Pow Wow Committee Chair

The health and safety of the LTBB tribal community, dancers, drummers, vendors and spectators is our utmost priority. As we navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic, that is foremost in our minds.

After careful consideration and with input from the LTBB Emergency Management team, the LTBB Pow Wow Committee has made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow.

Although the pow wow was scheduled for August 8 and 9, 2020, the committee would rather take a precautionary approach and protect our community and guests. The pow wow attracts people from all over the Midwest and Canada and has grown larger every year. In an event this large, social distancing would be nearly impossible.

As the state of Michigan slowly reopens, everyone is taking a wait and see approach. It is unclear when things will go back to "normal." We must do our best now to preserve our culture and traditions in this uncertain time, which means taking things slowly and with caution.

With the cancellation of the pow wow, Miss Odawa Nation Llesenia Crisanto and Junior Miss Odawa Nation Suzi Stillwell will retain their crowns until the 29th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow in August 2021.

It is our hope that we see all of you next year for the 29th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow.

Until then, stay safe and healthy.

Photo of the LTBB Pow Wow grounds is courtesy of GIS Manager Jim Keiser.

A LETTER FROM THE NIIGANDIWIN EDUCATION DIRECTOR JORDAN E. SHANANAQUET REGARDING "DISTANCE EDUCATION"

Aanii Boozhoo K-12 students and families,

As an increasing number of schools have moved to online learning as a result of COVID-19, it is clear that some version of "distance" education will be in place for the foreseeable future. The Niigaandiwin Education Department recognizes the challenges that both students and parents are facing at this time. We are here to support our students and families with every resource we have at our disposal. On behalf of the Niigaandiwin Education Department, I would like to take this opportunity to share some helpful tips with staying productive at home as well as departmental resources that are available to our tribal community.

Helpful Tips

When it comes to staying productive at home, we've found it can be pretty challenging ... for a number of reasons. Here are a few helpful tips for being productive with distance learning:

Use a Clean and Organized Study Space

Whether it is your kitchen table, a spot in your room or a makeshift quarantine fort in your backyard



— be creative! Just make sure you designate a space in your home to be able to study in. Try to keep it as clean as possible; this helps keep your mind clear and avoid unwanted distractions.

Eliminate Distractions from Your Study Space

Getting rid of distractions — things such as the TV, a phone, an unfinished craft project, etc.— is one of the quickest ways to improve your productivity. By removing distractions, it makes it easier to focus on the task at hand —regardless of whether you're trying to learn new material, reading or doing an educa-

tional activity, etc.

Set a Consistent Schedule

Setting a consistent schedule can significantly increase productivity. Knowing what time will be learning, working on assignments and studying can help you to be **more** effective with how you spend and manage your time. Just remember, there's no perfect schedule: *Everyone's learning process is different.* Some students may find it beneficial to study as early as possible in the day; others prefer later while other students might mix their study sessions throughout different times of the day. It has less to do about the specific time you do your studying and more about having a level of consistency with it — just figure out what works best for you and your family.

Establish Your Daily Plan and Study Priorities

Once you have your consistent schedule in place, the next thing you need to do is set your priorities and use a daily plan or "check-list" to manage them. A great way to prioritize tasks and assignments is by how important something is and how urgent it is to complete. Ideally, *"Distance Education" continued on page 29.*

NITAAZHITOOJIK INDUSTRIAL TRAINING PROGRAM

By **Kerstine Bennington**, Nitaazhitoojik Industrial Training Project Director

Nitaazhitoojik Industrial Training (NIT) Program translates to "those who are good at making things or the ones who are talented at making things" in Anishinaabemowin.

The program is designed to provide direct assistance to students pursuing training in high demand STEM-related fields. The NIT Program collaborates with the Industrial Arts Institute (IAI) and leading manufacturers in Northern Michigan to provide streamlined, intensive learning modules that will equip students with the skills necessary to become employable within the manufacturing industry.

Students may be eligible to receive financial assistance for tuition, books, course and transportation fees, equipment and related training costs associated with the Work-Based Welding Program.

For more information, please e-mail Kerstine Bennington, NIT Project Director, at kbennington@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or call 231-242-1485.

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Industrial Arts Institute: Work-Based Welding



Program

Work-Based Learning Welding Program
Enrollment Open to High School Juniors, Seniors and Recent Graduates. The Nitaazhitoojik Industrial Training Program will provide eligible students with tuition, transportation and equipment assistance.

Program dates: July 7, 2020 – August 14, 2020

Pre-apprenticeship/Job Shadowing: August 17, 2020 – August 21, 2020

Location: Industrial Arts Institute, 20902 Washington Ave., Onaway, MI, 49765

Stipend: \$13/Hr.

Program Description

The Industrial Arts Institute's (IAI) Work-Based Learning Training functions as a pre-apprenticeship that will provide students the opportunity to develop

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LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 5-18-2020 = 4,541

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242-1400

Health Department

242-1611

Tribal Chairman's Office

Julie Janiskee, Administrative

Assistant

242-1401

Health Clinic

242-1700

Health

242-1600

Tribal Council/Legislative Office

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Assistant

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Community Health

(Transportation)

242-1601

Legal Department

Su Lantz,

Assistant

242-1407

Dental Clinic

242-1740

Maternal Child

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242-1614

NO Collect Calls Accepted

Pharmacy

242-1750

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Assistance

Cherie Dominic, Attorney

242-1433

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242-1540

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242-1527

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242-1584

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242-1500

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242-1670

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242-1581

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242-1521

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242-1508

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Administrative Assistant

242-1640

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242-1532

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242-1642

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Program

242-1462

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242-1454

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242-1475

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Director

242-1597

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242-1593

Election Board Chairperson

Carol Quinones

616-774-9534 or 616-206-6482

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of LTBB Mission Statement

Debendiziwin aawan maanda Odawa aawiyiing. Geyaabi gdaaanaa miinwaa gdanwewmi Anishinaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'ing debendiziwin ebidwasiing mnaadendiziwin miinwaa wiimnaadendiziwiing. Gdabendaanaa debendiziwin kina gwaya Odawak naasaap eyaamjik, maanda naakinigewinan, maadiziwin miinwaa mndoowaadiziwin gaanaaniigaaniijik debendamowaad. Maanda debendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, kanamaajidonaa niigaan ezhibezhigoyiing, kinooomaadwin, dbaakinigewin, giigidowin miinwaa naakinigewin. Kazhibiingnakeetaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadiziwin waabi'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnaadadiziwinan echipitendaakin: nbwakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendamowin, aakde'ewin, gwekwaadiziwin, dbaadendiziwin miinwaa debwewin. Kanakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimigwe'ing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'ing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishinaabek enaapshkaamwaad maanda gbimaadziwin. Ninda eyaamiing echipitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

LTBB Mission Statement

Being Odawa is all about freedom. The Freedom to be a part of a people who, with integrity and pride, still have and speak our own language. The freedom to share in common with all other Odawak the customs, culture, and spirituality of our ancestors. The freedom we have today we will bring to the future through unity, education, justice, communication, and planning. We will reach out to the next seven generations by holding to cultural values of Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility and Truth. We will utilize our Tribal assets to provide the necessary tools to become successful, hard-working community members who proudly represent our culture. With these values we will move the Tribe forward.

Contact Information



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The Communications Department welcomes submissions for our "Lines From Our Membership" section of the newsletter, but we cannot run anything political in nature or expressing an opinion due to a long-standing department policy. Because we have a newsletter and not a newspaper, we do not have an editorial page. We reserve the right to edit any material submitted for space and content.

The deadline for the July 2020 issue of *Odawa Trails* is June 1, 2020.

You can e-mail or call your submissions in to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or at 231-242-1427 or 231-242-1429. Please only call in your submissions if they are short. We also welcome comments, suggestions and story ideas.

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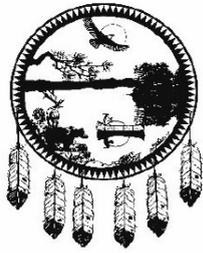
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DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Attendance at Various Meetings and Events		Emily Proctor	Julie Shananaquet	Marcella Reyes	Tamara Kiogima	Melissa Pamp	Leroy Shomin	Marty VanDeCar	Fred Kiogima	Fred Harrington, Jr.
DATE	April 2020									
4/6/20	Tribal Council Special Work Session on Zoom	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4/17/20	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting on Zoom	X	X						X	
4/21/20	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4/23/20	Tribal Council Town Hall	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
*additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs										



What have you been doing to occupy your time during the Stay Home, Stay Safe period?

Submit your photograph and short description along with your name to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov to be included in the Odawa Trails newsletter. Any questions, please send them to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

STAY CONNECTED WITH LTBB TRIBAL COUNCIL VIA ZOOM

Boozhu,
The first virtual Town Hall meeting was held on April 23, 2020. The online forum was hosted by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor. The webinar addressed COVID-19 concerns, financials and all three branches (Executive, Legislative and Judicial) gave an update of services being provided during this time. On May 7, 2020, a motion was passed to approve the use of Zoom Video Communications, Inc. as the electronic platform for future Tribal Council meetings in accordance with Tribal



Resolution #042920-01 Tribal Council Meeting Protocol During State of Emergency.
Tribal Council will continue to hold its regular work sessions and Tribal Council meetings as scheduled. All meetings will be available to LTBB citizens

through Zoom. The webinar ID and password will be posted to each agenda.
The next town hall meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2020. There has been a request for a Saturday town hall in June, but no tentative date has been set.
Any questions or concerns can be e-mailed to tribalcouncil@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
Respectfully submitted,
Councilor Melissa Pamp
mpamp@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
231-445-0874
Courtesy graphic.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

In order to help protect LTBB Tribal Citizens and workers, the LTBB Governmental Center activities and commission/board/committee meetings have been canceled until June 1, 2020. Governmental services are continuing at this time.

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

TRIBAL RESOLUTION # 042920-01
Tribal Council Meeting Protocol During State of Emergency

WHEREAS the Waganakising Odawak Nation, known as the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and its citizens are vested with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance;

WHEREAS the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe under Public Law 103-324, and is a party to numerous Treaties with the United States the most recent of which being the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491) and the Treaty of Detroit of 1855 (11 Stat. 621);

WHEREAS Article VII (J) of the LTBB Constitution says that five Tribal Council members constitute a quorum necessary to transact official business of the Tribal Council, that all votes must be cast only by those actually present at the meeting during which the vote was taken, and that the Tribal Council shall hold regular meetings at least once a month at the Tribal government offices.

WHEREAS the Legislative and Executive Branches of LTBB government have declared a State of Emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS to protect LTBB citizens and the public from the spread of this deadly virus the Legislative and Executive Branches have closed the Tribal government offices to all but a very small number of staff whose limited presence in the building is needed to maintain essential functions;

WHEREAS the State of Emergency prevents the Tribal Council from holding its regular meetings physically at the Council chambers located in the Tribal government offices at 7500 Odawa Circle until the Tribal Council in unification with the Tribal Chair declare the termination or modification of the Tribal State of Emergency, and such termination or modification shall be done in consultation with the LTBB Health Department and other appropriate health professionals to determine it is safe to resume limited or full assembling in the 7500 Odawa Circle Council Chambers;

;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that when a State of Emergency prevents physical assembly to comply with the Constitutional requirement that Tribal Council hold its regular meetings at least once a month an online meeting platform, such as Zoom or Microsoft

1 of 3 Tribal Resolution: Tribal Council Meeting Protocol During State of Emergency

Secretary Julie Shananaquet

ATTENTION:

Fuel and tobacco exempted purchases are only available to LTBB tribal citizens for their own vehicles or consumption. LTBB citizens are not allowed to utilize their sales tax exemption for non-LTBB citizens or non-LTBB owned businesses! Making tax exempt purchases for non-LTBB citizens or businesses violates the tax agreement and may also violate applicable law. Store clerks have the right to deny any and all tax-exempt purchases that they have reasonable cause to believe are made for a non-tribal citizen or for the business/commercial vehicle of a citizen's employer. **YOU WILL THEN BE CHARGED THE FULL PRICE FOR FUEL AND TOBACCO PURCHASES.**
All citizens must remain present during the entire transaction.

Attention Tribal Businesses/Entrepreneurs!

If you would like to be on the tribal governmental vendor list for providing goods or services to the LTBB government, please contact Mandy Szocinski at 231-242-1439 or mszocinski@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. Please be prepared to provide the following information: Name, contact information, good/services you are providing and any additional information as required. Supporting our tribal businesses is our preference. Chi Miigwech!

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR ISSUES CONCERNING LAND CLAIMS DISTRIBUTION (TRUST FUND), PLEASE CONTACT CARRIE CARLSON, CFO, AT 231-242-1442.

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Teams, will serve as the "Tribal government offices." Online Tribal Council meetings will be conducted following the same procedures as other regular meetings to the greatest extent feasible.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Tribal Council may also host online information townhall style forums during States of Emergency;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Tribal Council will provide notification of the dates, times and joining instructions to Tribal Citizens of on-line regular meetings and townhall forums through the LTBB website and other appropriate means of communication, such as social media.

2 of 3 Tribal Resolution: Tribal Council Meeting Protocol During State of Emergency

Secretary Julie Shananaquet

LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

Please note that ALL LTBB Governmental offices are closed on these dates, this includes Mskiki Gumik offices



- July 4, 2020 - Independence Day
September 7, 2020 - Lewis & Doris Adams Day
September 18, 2020 - Sovereignty Day
September 25, 2020 - Michigan Indian Day
November 11, 2020 - Veteran's Day
November 26, 2020 - Thanksgiving
November 27, 2020 - Day After Thanksgiving
December 24, 2020 - Christmas Eve
December 25, 2020 - Christmas Day
December 31, 2020 - New Year's Eve

*Dates subject to change

CERTIFICATION

As the Tribal Council Legislative Leader and Tribal Council Secretary, we certify that this Tribal Resolution was duly adopted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians by a phone poll of the Tribal Council held on April 29, 2020 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent as recorded by this roll call:

Table with 5 columns: Name, In Favor, Opposed, Abstained, Absent. Lists names like Fred Harrington, Jr., Fred Kiogima, Tamara Kiogima, etc.

Date: 4/30/2020 [Signature]
Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader

Date: 4/30/2020 [Signature]
Julie Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary

Received by the Executive Office on 4.30.2020 by [Signature]

Pursuant to Article VII, Section D, Subsection 1 of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution adopted on February 1, 2005 the Executive concurs in this action of the Tribal Council.

Date: 5.1.2020 [Signature]
Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Chairperson

Received from the Executive on 05.07.2020 by [Signature]

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Secretary Julie Shananaquet

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Job Hotline toll free 1-866-582-2562
Submit your applications, resumes, and cover letters:
- In person at our LTBB Human Resources office
- E-mail: hr@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
- Mail to LTBB Human Resources, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Questions? Please contact the Human Resources Department at 231-242-1563.



TRIBAL NOTARY INFORMATION

The Tribal Notaries listed below are eligible to perform notarial acts within Little Traverse Bay Bands Jurisdiction unless he/she violates section C. Revocation WOS#2008-05 Tribal Notary Statute

Table with 6 columns: Tribal Notary Commission Full Name, Current Status, Appointment Date, Expiration Date, Serial Number, Phone Ext. Lists names like Theresa C Keshick, Rebecca R Fisher, etc.

PLEASE NOTE:

The LTBB Grants Department works with LTBB Departments to obtain external funds for ongoing and special programming, services and resources for the tribal community. Please contact the respective LTBB Department for information on programming that may be of interest to you.

LTBB ELECTION BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION

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ELDERS DEPARTMENT

Do you need a Food & Utility Appropriation Allowance Application?
Go to https://tinyurl.com/ltbbfnu2020app to print one out! Still have questions? Call the Elders Department at 231-242-1423 for information!

June Elders Birthdays

June 1

Robert Thompson
Tamora Skelly

June 2

Kelly Gravelyn
Angela Patterson
Samuel Lasley
Stewart Walker
Rodney Worthington

June 3

Dennis Degraff
Gerald Garrow
Moses Bernard, Jr.
Charles Massey, Sr.
Warren Petoskey
Teresa Louchart
Catherine Bonneau
Carrie Denemy

June 4

Debra Harper
Craig Romes
Lucille Lafreniere
Jacob Boyd

June 5

Sandra Shepard
Jean Schlappi

June 6

Catherine Portman

June 7

Emerald Lacroix
David Norton
Alvin Vandegriff
Marilyn Austin
Cynthia Wunderlich
Karen McGraw
Theresa Schaner

June 8

Archie McMillan, Jr.
Susan Day
Marcelia Long
Kathleen Kilgore
Deborah Medina

June 9

George Santigo
Barbara Kiogima
Ervin Voisard, Jr.
Eugene Sineway

June 10

Charles Mulholland
Thomas Strate
Molly Baldwin
Carol McFall
Anthony Genia, Sr.

June 11

Jeanette Root
Scott Charvez
Susan Slick
Karen Denney
Michael Minor
Marcia Radlicki
Jeffery Bernard

June 12

Thomas Colby
Dorothy Watkins
Mary Thornburg

June 13

Catherine Rotan
Latricia Bell
Susan Keller

June 14

Joseph Massey
Henry Lasley
Douglas Emery
Dorothy Faustmann
Mary Foltz

June 15

Donald Boda
Mary Gaus
Dolphus Delmas, Jr.

June 16

Gloria Ryan
Raye Darling
Pearl Poole
Marcia Sutton

June 17

Joann Carey
Doylene Fockler-Smith
Mitchell Kewaygeshik
Daneen Anthony

June 18

Regina Ward
Michael Vertz
Johnny McFall
Bonnie Harris
Diana Peltier
Sandra Parm

June 20

Thomas Kline
Terry Erno
Michael Lyons
Albert Zehe

June 21

Lorraine Bonneau
Deborah Hamilton
Mona Wojats
Francis Holdorph
Ronald Allison
Debbra Baker

June 23

Susan Lantz
Jacklynn Cole
David Dominic

June 24

Francene McCorkle
Wanda Vincent

June 25

Curtis McFall, Sr.
Linda Hogge
Lawrence Crossett
John Gasco, Jr.
John Walker, Jr.
Elena Marquez
Robert LeClear
Kathryn McGraw

June 26

Thomas Sharkey, Sr.
Linda Reith
Louis Kiogima
Vera Oom
Alice Marshall

June 27

Thomas Bellone
Evon Pirsein
Betty Iliff-Debusk
Elmer Bruette
Lisa Woodworth
Carla Sharp

June 28

Victoria Stemkoski
Kathy Floyd
Lisa Ann Miller
Michael Fox

June 29

Barbara Jacobs
Rosanna Campbell
Eugene Nadeau
Patrick Schmidt
Diana Halstead

June 30

William Gasco
Richard Gaus
Sandra Cripps
Twyla Hyde
Victoria Vogel

June 31

Shirley Tipkey
Forrest Worthington
William Shawa, Jr.

The 29th Annual Odawa Homecoming Pow Wow scheduled for August 8 & 9, 2020, has been cancelled. We wish everyone to have a safe and healthy year. Miss Odawa and Junior Miss Odawa 2019-2020 will reign for another year. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2021!



Everyone Welcome! Free Admission!

Ziibiinhsing Odawak
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Native American Arts & Crafts, Music, Dancing, & More!

Pow Wow Celebration

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Honorarium for Drums*

JUNE 6-7 2020

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Shirley Naganashe Oldman

MEMORIAL POW WOW

JUNE 20, 2020

LTBB Pow Wow Grounds • Off Pleasantview Rd.
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HEAD STAFF
HOST DRUM - Cloudsmen
MC - Paul Raphael
ARENA DIRECTOR - [Name]
HEAD JUDGE - [Name]
HEAD SOUNTECH - [Name]

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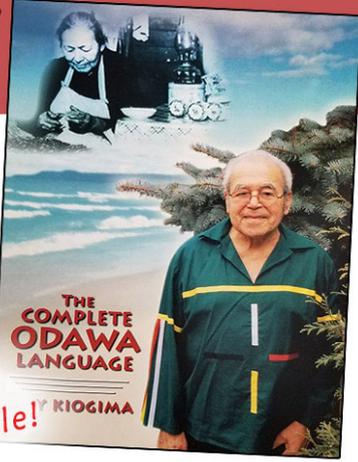


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MICHELLE CHINGWA EDUCATION HONORARIUM (MCEH)

THE MCEH ACT IS ENACTED TO PROVIDE A GIFT TO TRIBAL CITIZENS THAT ARE OBTAINING POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

- HONORARIUMS ARE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE STUDENT
- STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO USE THE MCEH WHILE ATTENDING FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS
- STUDENTS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE FAFSA

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

October 1st	February 15th	July 15th
FALL	WINTER/SPRING	SUMMER

*Deadline for non-standard terms are 30 days after the start of classes.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR MCEH

- LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN
- ENROLLED IN AN ACCREDITED SCHOOL
- CUMULATIVE GPA OF 2.0 OR ABOVE
- COMPLETE MCEH SUBMISSION

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE



In any crisis, leaders have important responsibilities to solve the problem and to keep it

from happening again.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way the tribe conducts business. We depend on the revenue from the casino to fund much of our programming. That funding over the last three months has come to a screeching halt.

We are continuing to operate as normally as possible with all departments up and running. We have furloughed employees. Government offices are still closed to the public. The reopening of the offices will happen in phases.

While most of our time has been spent on COVID-19 re-

sponse, we still have the day to day operations. One pressing issue is Enbridge. During this pandemic, Enbridge is seeking approval to build the tunnel under the Straits of Mackinac. We are working with Earthjustice and the Native America Rights Fund to provide legal assistance in this matter. The Line 5 tunnel project poses a significant threat to our Anishinaabe way of life.

We continue to press forward on issues that concern the tribe and look forward to the days we can all gather together safely.

Miigwetch,
Regina Gasco-Bentley.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

TAX AGREEMENT INFORMATION

The Department of Commerce (DOC) would like to remind the tribal membership about a few items pertaining to the Tax Agreement.

First of all, I cannot express enough how important it is to keep your address updated.

The first step in becoming a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) is to officially change your address with the Enrollment Department. This must be done in writing and as soon as possible.

The DOC cannot and will not change the estimated beginning date (EBD) (which is always the first in any given month) of a member's tax exempt status (see example below).

It is YOUR responsibility to update your address on file with the Enrollment Department. This date will affect how many months you will be able to file the Annual Resident Tribal Member Sales Tax Credit (Tribal Form 4013). It is to your benefit to be able to file for the maximum number of months for this credit.

In addition, being an RTM will allow you to purchase large items such as vehicles, boats, motorcycles and off the road vehicles tax exempt.

There is a form that needs to be filled out called a "Request for TCE" (Tribal Certificate of Exemption), which is available in my office. Once this form is completely filled out, I will then issue the RTM the

actual Tribal Certificate of Exemption (Tribal Form 3998).

If you plan on purchasing any of these items, please contact me FIRST, and I will be happy to get you the form via e-mail or fax. I am also able to fax the TCEs to the dealership you are doing business with.

Being an RTM will also allow you to be tax exempt on utility bills such as phone, cable, gas, propane, electricity, satellite and cellular service. If you have not filled out a Utility Provider Survey, please contact the DOC, and I will be happy to get one to you.

Also, another important thing to remember is if you do move into the Tax Agreement Area (TAA), your RTM status does NOT take effect until the first day of the following month.

Example: I move to Petoskey, MI, (inside the TAA) on September 5, 2010. My RTM (EBD) status begins October 1, 2010. All updates are sent to the State of Michigan as close to the end of the month as possible.

The LTBB Tax Agreement is viewable on the State of Michigan's website at:

<https://tinyurl.com/lbttmitax>

If you have any other questions pertaining to the Tax Agreement, call 231-242-1584.

ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

ATTENTION: 2020 PER CAPITA REQUIREMENTS

We are still in the process of scanning enrollment records and linking relationships in our Citizenship Database (Progeny ES). We will be contacting you via mail if your enrollment record is missing a photo copy of your social security card.

If we **do not** have a copy of your social security verification on file prior to **October 31, 2020**, (the 2020 per capita payment distribution deadline), your per capita payment may be held or delayed in 2020.

Acceptable Verification of your Social Security number includes the following:

- Copy of your Social Security Card
- Social Security Card number printed by Social Security Administration Office

- Social Security Administration Benefit Statements
- W-2 or 1099 form
- Pay stub containing your name and social security number
- Valid U.S. military ID card with photo (DD-2 or CAC card)
- Other official document/card containing your name and social security number.

Our goal is to not only keep our records up to date, but to make sure by working together that everyone gets their 2020 per capita check. If you have any questions, call the Enrollment Department at 231-242-1520.

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS (RTMs)

If you are planning to purchase a vehicle, ORV or plan on doing any home improvements to your principal place of residence, **YOU NEED TO CONTACT ME FIRST** before making the actual purchase(s). You must fill out the "Request for TCE" form located on the LTBB website or by contacting my office. I will then issue you a "Tribal Certificate of Exemption" for such purchases. The tribe no longer uses the Refund Method, as indicated in the monthly newsletter, as of January 1, 2008. If you've already made a purchase, there is no recourse! If you have any questions, please contact us at 231-242-1584.

SUBMIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ONLINE!



Submit applications for the Michelle Chingwa, Higher Education Merit, Higher Education Completion, Pre K-12 Grade Scholarship & Shirley Oldman Secondary Completion Scholarships online through the LTBB website!

<https://tinyurl.com/lbttbedapps>

Important Update

Questions or concerns for the Department of Commerce, please call 231-242-1584 or e-mail DOC@lbtbdawansn.gov

TAX AGREEMENT REMINDER

When moving into the LTBB Tax Agreement Area, in order to become a Resident Tribal Member, you must change your address in writing at the Enrollment Department located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Your RTM status will take effect on the first day of the following month in which you moved.

Department of Commerce Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

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|---|------------------------------|
| Cross Village (all) | Readmond (all) |
| Friendship (all) | West Traverse (all) |
| Little Traverse (all) | City of Harbor Springs (all) |
| Resort (partial) | Bay (partial) |
| Hayes (partial) | Bear Creek (all) |
| City of Petoskey (all) | |
| City of Charlevoix (only NORTH of the bridge) | |

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan taxes:

1. Sales Tax (currently 6% of retail price) via Form 4013
2. Use Tax (currently 6% of purchase price)
3. Income Tax (4.35% of Adjusted Gross Income)
4. Michigan Business Tax (currently 4.95%)
5. *Motor Fuel Tax (currently, 36.5 cents per gallon unleaded and 32.6 cents per gallon on diesel)
6. *Tobacco Product Tax (currently \$2 per pack of cigarettes)

* All LTBB Tribal Members are entitled to the exemption on fuel and tobacco.

*The Motor Fuel and Tobacco Product Tax exemption is available at Biindigen (tribal convenience store) located at 2169 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI.

*The Motor Fuel Tax exemption is also available at the BP station on the south side of Petoskey, MI, near the Big Boy restaurant.

Please note: Exemption for tobacco and fuel is for LTBB Tribal Members' sole consumption ONLY!

IMPORTANT REMINDER: TRIBAL MEMBERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THEIR TRIBAL ID SWIPE CARDS FOR PURCHASES OF NON-MEMBERS NOR ARE THEY ALLOWED TO LEND THEIR CARDS OUT TO ANYONE.

The current limit on tobacco purchases is four cartons per week per tribal citizen age 18 and over. The same applies to all other tobacco products (OTP) packaged in similar fashion.

Please Note:

Changeable address forms are available for LTBB Citizens at www.tinyurl.com/lbtbenrollmentforms. The forms must be printed and signed by the Tribal Citizen and hard copies returned to Enrollment. We still require the form to be witnessed or notarized depending on your address.

LTBB Enrollment Office 231-242-1521

Tribal Citizens Fee Schedule	FEES
Replacement/Expired Cards A replacement card is lost, stolen, expired or has an address change. Free to Elders.	\$10
Tribal Directory Adults 18 and enrolled prior to 2/28/2017 Published every 4 years.	\$5
Tribal Directory Labels Requestor must provide labels.	\$5
LTBB List The list includes adult's first, middle and last names only.	\$5
Photocopies of Enrollment file First 3 copies free, \$1 for each page thereafter.	\$1 ea
Marriage License Application	\$15
Certified Copies: \$10	
Photo Copies: \$5	
Tribal Notary Application	\$10
Surety Bond: \$125 (Payable: Brownrigg Companies LTD)	

Services

- Enrollment Applications.
- Address Change Forms.
 - Adults require notarization if mail is delivered to a post office box.
 - Minors require notarization annually.
- Tribal Directory.
- Marriage License Application.
- Tribal Notary Application.
- Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Certification.
- BIA - 4432 Indian Preference Form.
- Eagle Feather Application and Re-Order Form.
- Certifier of LTBB Degree of Indian Blood.

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

WEEDS TO WATCH OUT FOR: GARLIC MUSTARD

By Noah Jenson, Conservationist

With summer on its way, things are really starting to green up outside. Many wildflowers are blooming, and it is a great time to get out and enjoy nature. Unfortunately, this is also a time of year when many of our invasive plant species are growing back as well. Invasive species are plants, animals, fungi or microorganisms that are not native to our area and which cause some kind of harm to the economy, the environment or human health. So, whether you are out gardening, gathering mushrooms and wild plants or just taking a walk, keep an eye out for invasive species.

What is garlic mustard, and why is it a problem?

One invasive plant that is most noticeable this time of year is garlic mustard, and this one is particularly problematic. Unlike most invasive plants, which prefer open, sunny places, garlic mustard will invade both sunny sites and undisturbed forests. Garlic mustard often forms dense mats that block out native plants and decrease the habitat quality for wildlife. It may even produce chemicals that impede the growth of other plants around it. Garlic mustard in North America has few enemies. Deer and other native animals will not eat it, and it lacks the herbivores, insects and diseases that would keep it under control in its native Eurasia. It also reproduces prolifically; a single garlic mustard plant can produce hundreds or even thousands of seeds, which can survive in the soil for up to five years! These seeds can be carried and spread by sticking in the treads of people's shoes and boots or the tires of trucks, bikes and off-road vehicles. Seeds can also be spread when people move infested soil or attempt to compost garlic mustard plants that have flowers or seed pods on them.

What can people do about garlic mustard?

The four things people can do to stop garlic mustard are: 1) report garlic mustard growing in our area; 2) prevent it from spreading; 3) eradicate patches (or at least control them); and 4) teach a friend about garlic mustard.

While it is fairly widespread downstate, garlic mustard is not that common in Northern Michigan yet, so one of the best things people can do is to report it. This allows invasive species managers at the LTBB Natural Resources Department or our colleagues at the Charlevoix, Antrim, Kalkaska & Emmet Cooperative Invasive Species Management

Area (CAKE CISMA for short, <https://www.cakecisma.org/>) to learn about and respond to infestations before they get out of control. If you see garlic mustard in Charlevoix or Emmet counties, please contact Noah Jansen, the Conservationist in the LTBB Natural Resources Department at 231-242-1670. You can also report garlic mustard and other invasive species on the website of the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network (MISIN, <https://www.misin.msu.edu/>). MISIN also has a smartphone app that makes reporting very easy.

To prevent the spread of garlic mustard and many other invasive plants, clean embedded dirt and seeds from shoe and boot soles before and after visiting a natural area. Use a boot brush station if one is found at a trailhead or you can clean your soles with an old snowbrush or other brush kept in your car. It's best to do this in the parking area, so seeds of invasive plants don't get carried far into woods or meadows where they can grow and easily flourish undetected. If you are mountain biking or driving an off-road vehicle, be sure to clean off your wheels and frame or undercarriage of any plant parts, mud and dirt before and after heading out on the trail.

Garlic mustard can be controlled and sometimes eradicated by both physical and chemical methods. Hand-pulling works well on small patches. Garlic mustard is a biennial plant with a two-year life cycle, so focus on the plants in their second year of growth (the ones with vertical stems) because these are the only ones that will produce seed. Hand-pulling and cutting or mowing must be done before seed pods mature or you may inadvertently spread the seeds. Because garlic mustard plants can still develop viable seeds even after they are cut or pulled, it is important to collect and destroy any plant material removed by burning it or by putting it in a sealed garbage bag and placing it in the trash. For very large infestations, hiring a professional herbicide applicator may be the most cost-effective treatment method. Whatever means of control you use, be aware that seeds may remain viable in the seedbank for five years, and monitoring and follow-up treatments should be ongoing.

Finally, tell your friends and family about garlic mustard. Working together, we can prevent this invasive plant from becoming a widespread problem in our region.

Courtesy photos.



Garlic mustard can blanket the ground in forests, excluding beneficial native plants and reducing the quality of the habitat for wildlife. (Photo by Daniel Herms, Ohio State University and Bugwood)



Garlic mustard is a biennial plant (has a two-year life cycle). During the first year of growth, garlic mustard forms a 2-7-inch high cluster of heart-shaped leaves with toothed edges. All parts and life stages of the plant have a garlicky smell when bruised or crushed. This odor can be used to distinguish garlic mustard from other types of plants that may look similar. (Photo by Ohio State Weed Lab, Bugwood)



During its second (and final) year, garlic mustard develops a 1-3-foot-tall flowering stalk with triangular toothed leaves. Small, white flowers with four petals appear in May or June. After pollination, long-narrow seed pods develop, containing hundreds of seeds per plant. (Photo by Chris Evans, Bugwood)

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NATURAL RESOURCES**
1-855-NRD-TIPS
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Please provide any information related to the tip which may include date, time, subject or vehicle description, nature of the incident, and location (Example: nearest crossroad). It is ok if you wish to remain anonymous. All tips are investigated in a timely manner.

EAGLE REMAINS RETENTION INFORMATION



The LTBB Natural Resource Department is pleased to announce that after years of work on the issue, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has recently changed its policy to allow federally recognized tribes to keep eagle remains found in Indian country. Tribal citizens who encounter eagle remains or feathers within the LTBB reservation boundaries may be able to retain them for culturally significant use. Any deceased eagle encountered must be reported to LTBB Conservation Enforcement immediately for investigation prior to moving or taking the eagle.

For more information, contact the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resource Department at: 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 231-242-1670 E-mail: dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resources Commission is looking for LTBB tribal citizens with an interest in Great Lakes Commercial Gill Net Fishing

The LTBB Commercial Small Boat Apprentice Program is designed to provide eligible LTBB tribal citizens with an opportunity to learn the trade of commercial fishing from an experienced LTBB Great Lakes Commercial Fishing Captain

For more information on eligibility and requirements, please stop in or contact the LTBB Natural Resources Department



7845 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
231-242-1670
dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



Moving?

If you move, please contact the Enrollment Office and we will send you an address verification form.

Forms are also available at www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. Click on Offices/Government Center/Enrollment Department and click on the appropriate form. The adult form must be printed on legal size paper and the minor form on letter size paper. We will continue to add forms there in the future.

It is the responsibility of the parent, guardian or custodial parent to complete an address verification form.

If you are a custodial parent, please provide proof by documentation.

Once a minor turns 18, you must contact the Enrollment Office and complete an address verification form or we will mark you as undeliverable.

If you are incarcerated and would like to continually receive the newsletter, you must keep your address current.

Towards the end of the year, we will notify you for purposes of the per capita payment.

Adult verification form must be witnessed.

Minor verification form must be notarized.

Contact the Enrollment office at 231-242-1521 or 231-242-1520.

THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We would like to start tracking LTBB Tribal Citizens who have completed military service or who are currently on active duty. If you are a veteran, please call us toll free at 1-866-652-5822 ext. 1521 or 1520. We will be asking you the following questions:

- (1) Name
- (2) Date of Birth
- (3) Branch of Service

This information will be used by the Grants Department.

Megwetch,
Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer

LTBB TRIBAL DIRECTORIES

LTBB tribal directories are available for sale in the Enrollment Office. The tribal directory includes adults' names and addresses of LTBB Citizens enrolled as of February 28, 2017, excluding undeliverable addresses and LTBB Citizens requesting not to be included.

Qualifications:

- Must include a copy of your tribal identification card
- A \$5 money order or check payable to LTBB of Odawa Indians

Mail to:

LTBB of Odawa Indians
Attn: Enrollment Office
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1521 or 231-242-1520.

ATTENTION LTBB COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN: COVID 19 RELIEF PROGRAM



The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB)

Natural Resource Commission has approved a COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN COVID 19 RELIEF PROGRAM for LTBB commercial fishermen. Active LTBB commercial fisher captains and helpers who have participated in 20 or more lifts in the 2019 season and/or obtained their 2020 license before March 9, 2020 may be eligible for a one-time only payment of up to \$750 for captains or \$250 for helpers. Interested LTBB commer-

cial fishermen will need to complete an application to apply. COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN COVID 19 RELIEF PROGRAM applications and a copy of the program policy can be obtained on the LTBB government website at ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, from the NRD drop box in the front of the NRD building or by contacting the NRD main phone line at 231-242-1670 and requesting it be sent to you.

Courtesy graphic.

YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

NOTICE: DUE TO COVID-19 CAMP AGAMIING 2020 IS CANCELLED

WE ARE VERY SORRY AND ARE WORKING HARD TO PROVIDE SUMMER ACADEMIC SUPPORT, VIRTUAL CAMP EXPERIENCES, FAMILY FUN CHALLENGES & WEEKLY ACTIVITY PACKETS FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL YOUTH SERVICES AT 231-242-1593

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Great Lakes NARCH Research Internships for Native American Students



Starting Summer 2020

Native American students interested in health, science, or research fields, who have completed their freshman year of college are eligible to apply.

BENEFITS:

- *Great Lakes NARCH offers PAID internships for undergraduate and graduate students interested in research that help Native American communities reduce health disparities.
- *Conduct research in an academic setting and/or tribal setting while being mentored by well-established researchers.
- *Gain experience, prepare for your career in health, science, and research, while making a positive impact in a tribal community!

For more information, contact:

Stephanie Thompson, (715) 588-1018 sthompson@glitc.org
Azael Meza, (715) 588-1077 ameza@glitc.org

Apply soon!

Internships are awarded on a first-come, first serve basis.



Cut the ends off the stems then store in glasses of water in fridge or on your counter!

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Store onions + potatoes in a basket and a dark space

wrap your lettuce in a tea towel! And FRIDGE!

ROLL

Store these whole in the freezer... Stone fruit! Yellow berry stick, Tomatoes

Wrap bread in cloth (or pillow case) and store in a wooden bread bin.

Put leftovers in jars or just put a plate over and fridge it!

wrap beans and peas in a damp cloth

Stand celery + float carrots in water.

Beeswax wraps!

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Pyrex

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HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

AMAZING BENEFITS OF BANANAS

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Potassium
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Increase happiness
Bananas release a mood regulating substance called tryptophan which is converted to serotonin in the brain and thus elevates mood & makes us happier!

Help Smokers Quit
Bananas contain B vitamins and other minerals that lessen the effects of nicotine withdrawal both physically and psychologically

Iron
Bananas are rich in iron too, and can help individuals with anemia. Iron rich foods, such as bananas help stimulate production of hemoglobin in the blood and

Brain Power
Potassium-packed fruit helps learning because it makes the pupils more alert. Students find that they have more brain power and do better on exams when they eat bananas at breakfast and lunch.

PMS
Bananas contain vitamin B6. This vitamin regulates blood glucose levels and helps us in times of stress and helps to suppress cranky moods

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HEAD START
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2019/2020 PROGRAM YEAR

ASSISTING NEEDS INCLUDING LOCAL NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE, NUTRITIOUS MEALS AND CENTRALLY LOCATED BUS PICK-UPS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

HEAD START CAN WORK IN COORDINATION WITH THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND/OR LEARNING DISABILITIES

VOLUNTEERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND APPRECIATED!

The 7 Grandfather Teachings guide us in our

actions

to end sexual violence

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zaagidwin (love)
gwekwaadziwin (honesty)
dbaadendizwin (humility)
aakde'ewin (bravery)
debwewin (truth)

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa
Survivor Outreach Services
Call Monday through Friday 8-5: (231) 242-1620

24-Hour Crisis and Information Line:
(231) 347-0082 or (800) 275-1995
Operated by Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan

WELCOME TO SUMMER EBT FOR CHILDREN

Summer EBT for Children (SEBTC) is a way to provide healthy summer meals for families of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch. Eligible families will receive \$30 worth of nutritious foods per school-aged child, per summer month to buy at any WIC Authorized Retailer around the state. These food benefits will be loaded on electronic benefits transfer (EBT) cards.

There is no need to apply- students are eligible if they:

- Are school-aged (Kindergarten through 12th grade)
- Attend a public school within the selected service area
- Receive free or reduced-price school meals

SEBTC will be automatically mailing cards to eligible students selected school districts for use this summer (please see list of service areas). All you need to do to enroll is follow the mailed instructions about how to PIN your SEBTC card.

The SEBTC program period for Summer 2020 is June 1 - September 7, 2020.

If you have questions about participating in the SEBTC program, please call the SEBTC Help Desk at 1-888-265-3291

If you have questions about how to use or pin your card, please call EBT Customer Service at 1-888-678-8914.

Summer 2020 Service Areas

Summer EBT service areas are organized by Intermediate School District (ISD). Students must attend a school within the ISD to be eligible in order to participate.

- Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona ESD
- C.O.O.R. ISD



- Charlevoix-Emmet ISD
- Clare-Gladwin Regional ESD
- Copper Country ISD
- Delta-Schoolcraft ISD
- Dickinson-Iron ISD
- Eastern Upper Peninsula ISD
- Gogebic-Ontonagon ISD
- Huron ISD
- Iosco Regional ESA
- Marquette-Alger Regional ESA
- Mecosta-Osceola ISD
- Menominee ISD
- Sanilac ISD
- Traverse Bay Area ISD
- Tuscola ISD
- West Shore ESD - Lake County

Looking for more summer feeding resources?

The Michigan Department of Education has established food sites across the state to ensure that children in lower-income areas continue to receive nutritious meals during long school vacations.

To find a location near you, visit www.michigan.gov/meetupeatup or text food to 877877.

Courtesy graphic.

Free Printable Coloring Pages Anishinaabe Online Learning and Resources

THE SHOES COLORING BOOK BY LOUIE BONG

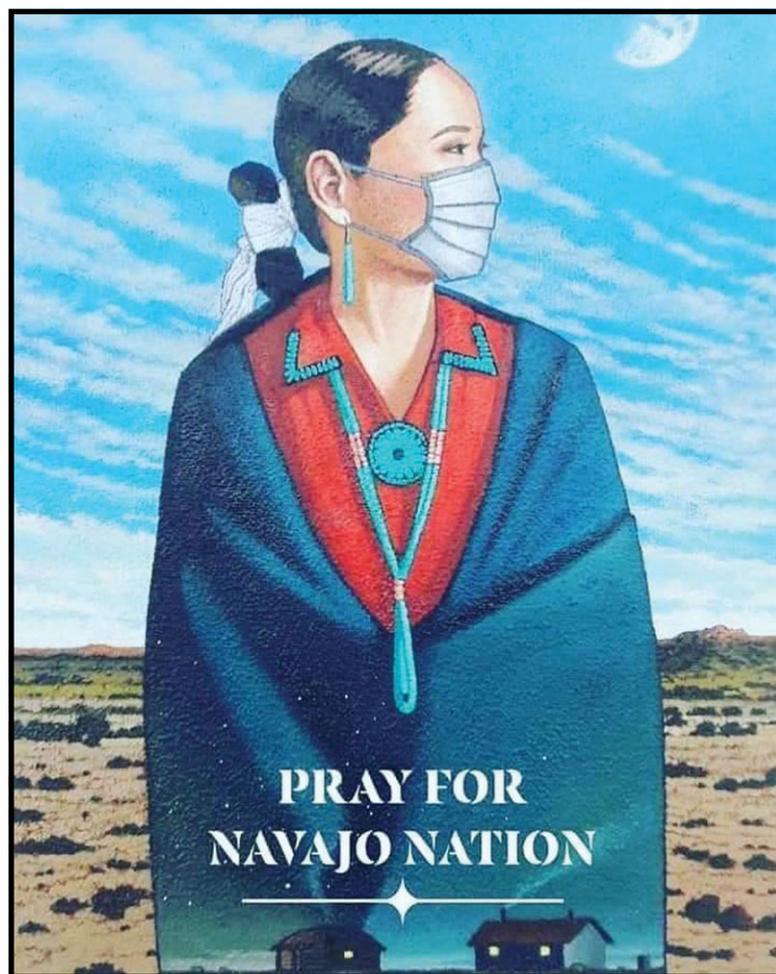
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JUNE 2020 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Open Distribution: 8th - 12th from 9am - 3pm

Call 231-881-2855 or 231-347-2573 for food pick-up appointments outside of our Open Distribution Week

828 Charlevoix Ave. Petoskey, MI 49770 Behind Fletch's Auto

Deliveries:

Local: 5th

Peshawbestown: 24th

Traverse City: 30th

For more information, contact

Food Distribution Program

Specialist Joe VanAlstine

at 231-347-2573



EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Michelle Chingwa Education Honorarium MCEH Deadline Extension

All students who are taking Summer 2020 classes and using the MCEH, the deadline to turn in paperwork has been extended because of COVID-19. The deadline has been changed from June 15th to July 15th at midnight.

When turning in paperwork, please send a schedule and an unofficial transcript from the previous semester.

E-mail paperwork to Kim Gabrick at kgabrick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

FREE ONLINE TUTORING

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Students can log in using the following Username template:
first name+last name+ltbb.

The student's birthdate is used for the password.

(Ex. John Smith, born August 10, 2008;
U: johnsmithltbb & P: 8102008.)



Please contact the Niigaandwin Education Department at 231-242-1480.



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

SPRING'S ANNUAL ADULT SURVEY



pandemic. Although the LTBB Health Department is open for emergent care services, the SPRING Substance Abuse Prevention Program is working remotely. One of the tasks the SPRING team works on is our Annual Adult Survey (ages 21 and up). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's survey process will look a little different. Instead of collecting the surveys face-to-face, we will be sending out letters to tribal citizens with

information on how to participate in our annual survey. If you complete the survey (online or paper), you will receive \$15 worth of gift cards!

If you are not a tribal citizen, but are an LTBB tribal descendent aged 21 or older and wish to take the survey, please call Justin Davis at 231-242-1710.

Miigwech,
LTBB SPRING Substance Abuse Prevention Team
Courtesy graphic.



LTBB Behavioral Health has an open

Talk-Line for community members.

If you are feeling a need to talk with someone, please reach out to us! Take advantage of this resource before experiencing a crisis.

The Talk-Line is open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and is staffed by a LTBB Behavioral Health counselor.

Call 231-242-1645 to speak to a counselor.

Community Support Group

Provided by: LTBB Behavior Health

Zoom meeting will take place every Tuesday and Thursday @ 12:00pm Starting 4/9/2020

The meetings are intended for anyone that would like to talk to others during this difficult time. Cultural Advisor, Matt Davis and Case Manager, Sara Hacker will provide the community with information on; community resources, cultural teachings, talking circles and more.

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LTBB OFFICE OF CITIZENS LEGAL ASSISTANCE



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- ❖ **Family Law**
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 - Child Custody
 - Child Support
 - Guardianships
 - Parentage/Paternity
- ❖ **Indian Child Welfare Act / Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act**
- ❖ **Setting Aside a Conviction**
- ❖ **Driver License Restoration**
- ❖ **Estate Planning**
 - Wills
 - Health Care Directives
 - Powers of Attorney
- ❖ **Probate**
- ❖ **Landlord/Tenant**
 - Evictions
 - Tenant Rights
- ❖ **Consumer**
 - Debt Collection

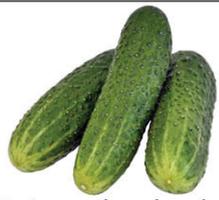
The office is available to provide legal guidance and drafting of certain legal documents but does not provide in court representation at this time. The office may give procedural advice only on matters that are of a criminal nature or involve the Tribe or other Tribal Citizens as a potential party in a dispute.

For assistance and to make appointments, Please call Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm
231-242-1433

GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

NETAAWGIIN

Vegetables [Ne taaw giin]

 Bipkoombenhs (an) Cucumber (s)	 Chi-niibiish Lettuce	 Eshoonh Cabbage
 Gichi-ogin (an) Tomato (es)	 Jiis (an) Turnip (s)	 Jiisenhs (an) Carrot (s)
 Koosmaan (an) Pumpkin (s)	 Mandaamin (ak) Corn (s)	 Minijiimin (ak) Peas / Green Bean (s)
 Mskwadiismin (ak) Bean (s)	 Mskwajiis (an) Beet (s)	 Naadaanoonh (an) Squash (es)
 Pin (iik) Potatoe (s)	 Zhaagaangwash (iik) Onions, Leeks	 Zhashkwedonh (an) Mushroom (s)

Starting winter semester, WOCTEP will offer assistance with the following programs through our partnership with North Central Michigan College:



- Computer Numerically Controlled (CNC) Certificate of Development
- Medical Billing and Coding Certificate of Development
- Medical Assistant Certificate
- Phlebotomy Certificate of Development
- Computer Information Services (AAS)
- Computer Support Specialist Certificate
- Basic EMS Certificate of Development
- Criminal Justice (AAS)



Starting winter semester, WOCTEP will offer assistance with the following programs through our partnership with Bay Mills Community College:



- ◆ Associate of Arts Early Childhood Education
- ◆ Associate of Arts Business Administration
- ◆ Associate of Applied Science Construction Technology
- ◆ Associate of Applied Science Computer Information Systems
- ◆ Medical Office Certificate



WOCTEP offers Financial Assistance!

- ◆ Tuition Assistance
- ◆ Textbook and required course materials Assistance
- ◆ Mileage Assistance
- ◆ Hourly Stipend (based on household income)
- ◆ Examination/qualification fee Assistance

In addition to WOCTEP Financial assistance, Native WOCTEP students may be eligible for Board of Regents Tuition Award at BMCC.

WOCTEP is funded by the US Department of Education through the NACTEP program. Federal funds contribute to 90% of funding (\$448,744) and tribal support of 10% (\$50,108) for project year 1 (2019) budget.



STAY CONNECTED!
Text "HigherEd" to 33222 to receive LTBB Higher Education updates and deadline reminders. Standard data and msg rates apply.

NETAAWGIIN (VEGETABLES)

Once you practice the vocabulary, and complete this word search, go online to the url below to play the Netaawgiin online crossword:
<https://www.proprofs.com/games/crossword/netaawgiin-vegetables-ltbb-crossword/>

Answer key on page 28.

WRITE IN TRANSLATION, THEN FIND ANISHINAABEMOWIN IN WORD SEARCH

Bipkoombenhs	_____
Chiniibiish	_____
Eshoonh	_____
Gichi'ogin	_____
Jiis	_____
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Koosmaan	_____
Mandaamin	_____
Minijiimin	_____
Mskwadiismin	_____
Mskwajiis	_____
Naadaanoonh	_____
Pin	_____
Zhaagaangwash	_____
Zhashkwedonh	_____

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WAABGONII GIIZIS - BLOOMING MOON - JUNE



waawaaskonesan.

This is when the flowers and medicines bloom every summer. If you look at them carefully, you will recognize which flower or plant will be used most for the summer. We were always told not to pick too many flowers.

Aapji ngiipshigendaanaa baawijiwiinget Ngashinaa emtigwaaki baaginwaabdamaang waawaaskonesan. Nongo naanaagdowendimaa Ngashinaa ngiikinoomagna epiichi bmo-seyaang emtigwaaki baakin-waamdamaang waawaskonesan.

I really enjoyed our walks with our mother in the forest looking at flowers. As I reflect back, I realized our mother was teaching us while we walked the woods looking at beautiful flowers.

Aapiichin ngiikinomaagomi wiipkibjigeyaang jibwaa migishmak, aapji ngiwiingezmi nshiime. Ngashi giikida, "Waawaaskonesan nimigishmak onibaawok, aabdek kapkibjigemi minwaa kawindamowaa'ak

enjikibjigeyek. Sema giibig-idnigazo miidash giipkibjigeyaang. Ngashi pane giingamo pkibjiget shkakmigang. Geninmi shkweyaang ngiimosemi ngamyaang.

There were times, we had to pick flowers, and it was always before the sun went down. Mom said, "The flowers sleep too, we must pick them now and tell them why you are picking flowers. We went to our tasks as Mom did her tobacco offering. My mom always sang while she did work on the land. We would follow her and sing.

Pii giizhitood mshkikiwaaboo ngiikwejmigonaa N'gashi, enjizhitood mshkikiwaaboo epiichi giizhgak? Nongo nmakwendaan wiizhitowaanh epiichi giizhgak mishkikiwaaboo.

When my Mom made medicine, she would ask, "why do I make medicine during the day?" Today, I remember to make it before the sun sets.

Miisawi.
Courtesy graphic.



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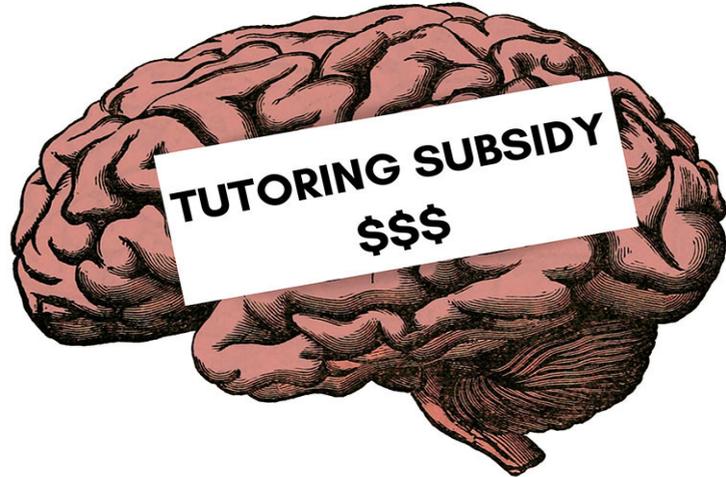
Examples of Services Provided:

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For more information, contact Rachael Koepp at 231-242-1488 or e-mail rkoepp@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

LTBB of Odawa Indians is the recipient of this grant under the Department of Labor (DOL). In accordance with the Jobs for Veterans Act, WIOA

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Amanda Weinert, aweinert@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
Dorothy Perry, dperry@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department offers online resources for learning and practicing language:

- On the LTBB website under the "Services" tab, click on "Language." We have several resources available.
- Weekly Language Class on Zoom, geared toward Beginning II Level learners, but all are levels are welcome, Thursdays, 3 - 4:30 pm.
- "LTBB Anishinaabemowin" Facebook group where we regularly post several learning resources, information about the Zoom class and other free online language classes.
- Bibezhik Kidwin, we are still sending daily e-mails of the word a day with audio, so you can hear the pronunciation.

For any further information or questions, please e-mail langtech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov
Miigwech - Thank You!



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NATIVE NEWS



TRIBAL GAMING OPERATIONS ELIGIBLE FOR PAYROLL HELP



during this crisis, and this change in policy will benefit tribes of various sizes, including smaller tribes that are in need of this help the most.”

In the bill's first passage, any businesses that had fewer than 500 employees, but made more than one-third of their revenue from legal gambling were deemed ineligible. Many tribal gaming operations fit this definition and were left out to dry.

The updated rule still excludes businesses that receive illegal gambling revenue.

Earlier this month, Rep. Sharice Davids, Ho-Chunk, D-Kansas, and Rep. Ruben Gallego, D-Arizona, led a bipartisan effort to make tribal casinos with fewer than 500 workers eligible.

The letter signed by 38 members of Congress was sent to Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Small Business Administrator Jovita Carranza.

In a news release the day the letter was sent, Gallego said small tribal businesses, including gaming operations, are “essential to tribal sovereignty,” and support not only the well-being of tribal nations but the economy of surrounding communities. He said it was critical that they be eligible for the Paycheck Protection Program.

Davids said in a statement that she appreciated that their concerns were heard.

“We should be doing everything we can to support our small businesses right now, including our tribal businesses, which are vital employers for Tribal Reservations and their surrounding communities,” she said. “I commend Small Business Administrator Carranza for listening to our concerns and making sure tribal small businesses can access these critical loan programs as Congress intended so they can pay their employees, keep their businesses afloat, and help preserve their economy.”

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U.S. House passes additional COVID-19 relief bill, injecting \$320 billion back into Paycheck Protection Program

By Kolby KickingWoman

Editor's note: The following article appeared in *Indian Country Today* and is reprinted here with permission.

An interim federal rule that prevented tribal casinos from getting loans through a relief fund created by Congress to help small businesses through the coronavirus crisis has been updated to allow them to apply.

The U.S. House on Thursday passed an additional COVID-19 relief bill that included \$320 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program.

Small tribal businesses and gaming operations that employ fewer than 500 people can now apply.

“After speaking with multiple officials within the Trump administration on numerous occasions, I am grateful they have heeded our words and will allow tribally-owned entities to be recognized with the same eligibility as other businesses,” said Rep. Tom Cole, Chickasaw Nation, R-Oklahoma. “Financial security is vital in protecting tribal sovereignty

COVID-19 Resources for Indian Country - A NEW RESOURCE FOR INDIAN COUNTRY

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) announces a new website that features the latest information on legislative and administrative updates and trusted resources on COVID-19 for tribal nations.



National Congress of American Indians

Visit <http://www.ncai.org/COVID-19>

WHITE HOUSE COUNCIL ON NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS RE-ESTABLISHED



On April 28, 2020, the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs announced the re-establishment of the White House Council on Native American Affairs. The council will continue the coordinated Indian Country policy focus and interagency collaboration facilitated by the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. Tyler Fish transitioned from his role as White House Senior Policy Advisor and Tribal Liaison and is serving as Executive Director of the Council.

U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE RELEASES TIPS FOR PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM ONLINE PREDATORS DURING COVID-19

United States Attorney Andrew Birge offered tips to help parents and guardians keep their children safe from online predators, commenting that: “With schools and entertainment facilities closed during the COVID-19 pandemic, kids are using the Internet more and more. Unfortunately, that means online child sexual predators have increased access to them.”

• **Discuss Internet safety with children of all ages who are online.** Many children do not realize people may not be who they claim to be online. Similarly, many do not understand someone who seems like a friend online could have a deviant motive.

• **Set limits around who your children are allowed to communicate with.** You may consider limiting young children to communicating only with people you have personally met. For older children, you may consider limiting them to communicating only with people they have met in person.

• **Set limits around the kinds of devices and applications your children use.** Online child sexual predators often use new technologies to avoid detection by law enforcement. If your child is using

an application you have not heard of before, consider researching the application online or testing it out using your child's account.

• **Use technology to protect them.** Many devices and programs allow parents to set parameters around which applications children may use and for how long. Similarly, many of these programs allow parents to see what their children are doing while using those applications.

• **Pay attention to warning signs.** Children who are sexually exploited are often embarrassed and hesitate to tell parents or other authority figures about their experiences. Pay attention if your child is withdrawing or changing their mood while their Internet activity increases.

• **Report suspected abuse.** Reporting can help minimize or stop further victimization. If you believe your child has been sexually exploited online, contact the United States Attorney's Office, your local F.B.I. office or report online at www.cybertipline.org.

For additional information and resources on staying safe online and at home, visit <https://www.end-violence.org/safeonlinecovid>.

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HOUSING DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

Services are available to citizens residing within the 27 county service area. An application packet must be completed and returned to the Housing Dept. for processing to determine qualification. To obtain an application, please contact the Housing Dept. at 231-242-1540.

STR - Short Term Rental Assistance: This program offers up to \$1,500 for new tenants who need assistance with the first month's rent and/or security deposit. This can be used ONE TIME ONLY and the rent requested must be affordable and can NOT exceed 35% of the household gross monthly income. Please note the application packet must be received and approved in advance of your moving into the rental in order to qualify for this program.

HIP - Home Improvement Program: This program offers up to \$2,500 for non-cosmetic home repairs and may be utilized once every five years.

DPA - Down Payment Assistance: This program offers up to \$2,500 or 10% of your mortgage (whichever is less) and can be used to purchase or refinance a home. In order for you to receive any grant dollars, you must be able to match the grant amount with your own guaranteed funds.

FPA - Foreclosure Prevention Program: This program offers up to \$3,000 to assist in foreclosure prevention.

Well & Septic Assistance Program: Funded by the Indian Health Services located in Sault Ste. Marie, MI this program provides the resources and technical assistance associated with the installation of a new well and sanitation service or replacement of deficient existing well/septic.

Credit Counseling: We provide confidential advice and referrals to assist tribal citizens in regaining their financial stability and credibility.

Tribal Rental Housing Program: The LTBB Housing Department offers 29 rental units in the Northern Michigan area. These units are available to rent to Tribal Citizens and most rents are based on a family's monthly income. Any Tribal Citizen interested in renting a unit from the LTBB Housing Department should contact our offices for an application. Currently, there is a waiting list for available units.

ODAWA CASINO RESORT PROVIDES SITE FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Through the generosity of Korthase Flinn Insurance & Financial Services, Inc. and Auto-Owners Insurance, the Manna Food Project offered food assistance every Friday through May 22, 2020 to Petoskey, MI, area hospitality and service workers

affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The site of the mobile food pantry was a parking lot at Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI.

Courtesy photos and graphic.



PETOSKEY AREA DRIVE-THRU PANTRY FOR HOSPITALITY & SERVICE WORKERS

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WHERE:
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Call Manna at 231.347.8852 if you have any questions or concerns.

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
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Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Telephone: 231-242-1540
Fax: 231-242-1550

NEW RENTALS

LTBB Housing is pleased to announce it will soon be offering two market rate rental units in the Harbor Springs, MI, area. We are now accepting applications for these units. We plan to have both units available for move in by Spring of 2020.



Home #1 - Located in the city limits of Harbor Springs
Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with full basement.
Attached 2 car garage. 12-month lease required.
Monthly rent set at \$1,000 - Utilities are NOT included



Home #2 - Located at the Wah Wahs Noo Da Ke Village off of Heynig Rd
3 Bedroom, 2 bath home. Covered entry porch.
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purpose, without judgement. The five sessions are: Mindful Breath, Mindful Eating, Mindful Walking and Thought Surfing, Be Kind to Your Mind and Mindful Laughter. Mindfulness is a practice that improves attention and focus and lessens anxiety, worry and pain.

To register for these online programs, go to the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources www.canr.msu.edu/rlr/Events. The names of the series will be listed in the Events Management calendar. Scroll down until you find the starting date of the series you are searching for. Look for UP RELAX or UP Stress less with Mindfulness series. Once registered, participants will receive the Zoom link to the classes and MSU Extension will e-mail resources for the course.

The MSU Extension's U.P. Social-Emotional Health Team's goal is to continue offering these series ongoing through August. Every other Monday, a series will begin. (**Relax**: June 8, July 6, August 3, **Stress Less with Mindfulness** June 22, July 20, August 17). E-mail your MSU Extension Health contact if you have a specific time, a specific audience you would like us to work with or if you need assistance in registering for a class or an online series or help with Zoom technology:

Western UP: Anita Carter - carte356@msu.edu
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Eastern UP: Tracie Abram - abram@msu.edu

Please note these social-emotional health classes are more beneficial if you attend the entire series. MSU Extension's mission is to help people help themselves through educational programs and materials, we hope to see you online soon.

Courtesy graphic.

WELL AND SEPTIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

We can provide you with a new well and/or septic system for your new construction OR if your current well and/or septic system is deficient, we can help.

Please call the LTBB Housing Department at 231-242-1540 to find out more about how you can get a free well and septic system or replace your current system.

Please be aware it takes approximately 3 to 4 months to gain federal approval of your application.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

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Apartments for Rent

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- Barrier free units are available
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Wah Wahs Noo Da Ke Tribal Village is approximately 4 miles north of Harbor Springs, MI
Contact person: LTBB Housing Department 231-242-1540

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PFIZER AND BIOntech Dose First Participants in the U.S. as Part of Global COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine Development Program

Among Pfizer's Identified Manufacturing Sites for COVID-19 Vaccine Production is Kalamazoo, MI

Editor's note: The following is a Pfizer, Inc. press release.

Pfizer Inc. and BioNTech SE announced today (May 5, 2020) the first participants have been dosed in the U.S. in the Phase 1/2 clinical trial for the BNT162 vaccine program to prevent COVID-19. The trial is part of a global development program, and the dosing of the first cohort in Germany was completed last week.

The Phase 1/2 study is designed to determine the safety, immunogenicity and optimal dose level of four mRNA vaccine candidates evaluated in a single, continuous study. The dose level escalation portion (Stage 1) of the Phase 1/2 trial in the U.S. will enroll up to 360 healthy subjects into two age cohorts (18-55 and 65-85 years of age). The first subjects immunized in Stage 1 of the study will be healthy adults 18-55 years of age. Older adults will only be immunized with a given dose level of a vaccine candidate once testing of that candidate and dose level in younger adults has provided initial evidence of safety and immunogenicity. Sites currently dosing participants include NYU Grossman School of Medicine and the University of Maryland School of Medicine with the University of Rochester Medical Center/Rochester Regional Health and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center to begin enrollment shortly.

Pfizer and BioNTech's development program includes four vaccine candidates, each

representing a different combination of mRNA format and target antigen. The novel design of the trial allows for the evaluation of the various mRNA candidates simultaneously in order to identify the safest and potentially most efficacious candidate in a greater number of volunteers, in a manner that will facilitate the sharing of data with regulatory authorities in real time.

During the clinical development stage, BioNTech will provide clinical supply of the vaccine from its GMP-certified mRNA manufacturing facilities in Europe.

In anticipation of a successful clinical development program, Pfizer and BioNTech are working to scale up production for global supply. Pfizer plans to activate its extensive manufacturing network and invest at risk in an effort to produce an approved COVID-19 vaccine as quickly as possible for those most in need around the world.

The breadth of this program should allow production of millions of vaccine doses in 2020, increasing to hundreds of millions in 2021. Pfizer-owned sites in three U.S. states (Massachusetts, Michigan and Missouri) and Puurs, Belgium, have been identified as manufacturing centers for COVID-19 vaccine production with more sites to be selected. Through its existing mRNA production sites in Mainz and Idar-Oberstein, Germany, BioNTech plans to ramp up its production capacity to provide further capacities for a global supply of the potential vaccine.

BioNTech and Pfizer will work jointly to commercialize the vaccine worldwide upon regulatory approval (excluding China, where BioNTech has a collaboration with Fosun Pharma for BNT162 for both clinical development and commercialization).

Courtesy graphic.

UNDERSTANDING mRNA VACCINES

To build an mRNA vaccine, scientists only need access to the genetic sequence of SARS-CoV-2, and not the actual virus.

Spike proteins

Our scientists have focused on the genetic sequence for the virus's "spike" protein, which can then be used to synthesize an mRNA sequence, instructions that the cell can use to make the "spike" protein.

mRNA LNP

The synthetic mRNA is then packaged in a lipid nanoparticle (LNP) that serves as a "delivery vehicle" shuttling the instructions to our cells.

ANTIBODIES

BioNTech and Pfizer have begun testing four versions of mRNA vaccines in humans to determine whether it is safe and effective and the immune response is sufficient.

Cell

Once inside the cells, the cellular machinery follows the mRNA instructions to produce the viral protein, which is then displayed on the surface of the cell and stimulates the immune system to mount a response.

Tips for Talking to Your Children



- DO talk with your child or teen about the Covid-19 outbreak.
- Answer questions and share facts about Covid-19 in a way that your child or teen can understand; use language that they understand.
- Reassure your child or teen that they are safe. Let them know it is ok if they feel upset. Share with them how you deal with your own stress so that they can learn how to cope from you.
- Limit your family's exposure to news coverage of the event, including social media. Children may misinterpret what they hear and can be frightened about something they do not understand.
- Try to keep up with regular routines. If schools are closed, create a schedule for learning activities and relaxing or fun activities.
- Be a role model. Take breaks, get plenty of sleep, exercise, and eat well. Connect with your friends and family members.

If you would like more information or would like to speak with a counselor or advisor, please contact LTBB Behavioral Health at 231-242-1640

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CHANGE

Due to HUD guidelines, the Housing Department is required to do an environmental review regardless of the work being done. The process of these reviews can take up to three to six months; we cannot proceed until this process has been completed. Please be aware there is a possibility the review could come back with a negative impact, in which case, could be cause for denial.

Weekend Urgent Care Alternative!

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Petoskey
116 W. Mitchell Street Petoskey, MI 49770
231-348-2828

McLaren
NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL
416 Connable Avenue Petoskey, MI 49770
1-800-248-6777

MUNSON HEALTHCARE
Charlevoix Hospital
14700 Lake Shore Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-4024

Petoskey Urgent Care can be utilized when immediate attention is needed for an urgent, but not life-threatening condition, and the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI, is closed.

When using Petoskey Urgent Care, you are required to call LTBB Contract Health at 231-242-1600. Notice must be received within 72 hours of the visit. LTBB Elders have 30 days to notify Contract Health.

After hours and weekend emergency treatment can be obtained at McLaren Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey, MI, or Munson Healthcare Charlevoix Hospital in Charlevoix, MI.

SEEKING: FOSTER HOMES

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Department of Human Services is searching for foster homes!

If you, or someone you know, have the time and desire to become a foster parent for our youth, please contact the LTBB Department of Human Services at 231-242-1620

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE LTBB U.S.D.A. FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM?

Please call our office to see if we are able to help you!
Call Monday - Friday
8 am to 5 pm at 231-242-1620.
*food distribution varies depending on availability

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- ★ TRIBAL ID
- ★ SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
- ★ 30 DAYS PROOF OF INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
- ★ SUPERVISOR SIGNED WORK/SCHOOL SCHEDULE PROVIDER AGREEMENT

LICENSED PROVIDERS

- ★ COPY OF STATE UNEXPIRED LICENSE

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- ★ STATE ISSUED ID
- ★ ABILITY TO PASS ANNUAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

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SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES

The LTBB Survivor Outreach Advocate administers Support Services and is located in the LTBB DHS office. Assistance is available to Native American women and children who are survivors of domestic or sexual violence as well as non-Native intimate partners and their families.

Assistance may include the following:
Non-Emergency Transportation Assistance ~ Assistance with Personal Protection Orders ~ Problem Solving and Safety Planning ~ Emergency Food Vouchers ~ Advocacy and Referrals ~ Court Accompaniment ~ Relocation Assistance ~ Clothing / Toiletries

Please call LTBB Survivor Outreach Services at 231-242-1620, Monday - Friday, from 8 am to 5 pm

Support for domestic abuse or sexual assault is also available at the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan 24-hour crisis and information line at 231-347-0082 or for long distance callers 1-800-275-1995.

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SUPREME COURT LEAVES THE CLEAN WATER ACT INTACT - VICTORY: COURT DECISION LEAVES IN PLACE VITAL PROTECTIONS FOR THE NATION'S OCEANS, RIVERS, LAKES

Editor's note: The following is an Earthjustice press release.



A turtle surfaces offshore of Kahekili Beach Park, Maui, Hawaii. Courtesy of Don McLeish.

Today (April 23, 2020), the Supreme Court issued its opinion in *County of Maui v. Hawaii Wildlife Fund* siding with clean water advocates that point source discharges to navigable waters through groundwater are regulated under the Clean Water Act.

The following is a statement from David Henkin, Earthjustice attorney, who argued the case, defending clean water:

"This decision is a huge victory for clean water. The Supreme Court has rejected the Trump administration's effort to blow a big hole in the Clean Water Act's protections for rivers, lakes and oceans.



Attorney David Henkin, based in Earthjustice's Honolulu office, has worked for more than two decades to defend Hawaii's flora and fauna. He defended our nation's clean water at the U.S. Supreme Court.

"We will have to return to the lower court to confirm this, but we fully expect that Maui County's sewage plant will be required to get a Clean Water Act permit as a result of the Court's decision today. That permit will require the County to protect the ocean from sewage discharges in a way it has refused to do to date.

"We are glad the Court has recognized the importance of protecting clean water for all Americans."

The court held that the Clean Water Act "require[s] a permit if the addition of the pollutants through groundwater is the functional equivalent of a direct discharge from the point source into navigable waters." In other words, the Clean Water Act prohibits unpermitted discharge of pollution "into

navigable waters or when the discharge reaches the same result through roughly similar means." In doing so, the Court rejected the Trump administration's polluter-friendly position in the clearest of terms: "We do not see how Congress could have intended to create such a large and obvious loophole in one of the key regulatory innovations of the Clean Water Act."

Background

County of Maui v. Hawaii Wildlife Fund is a case concerning a wastewater treatment facility in Maui that discharges millions of gallons of treated sewage each day into the Pacific Ocean via the groundwater beneath the facility, devastating a formerly pristine reef.



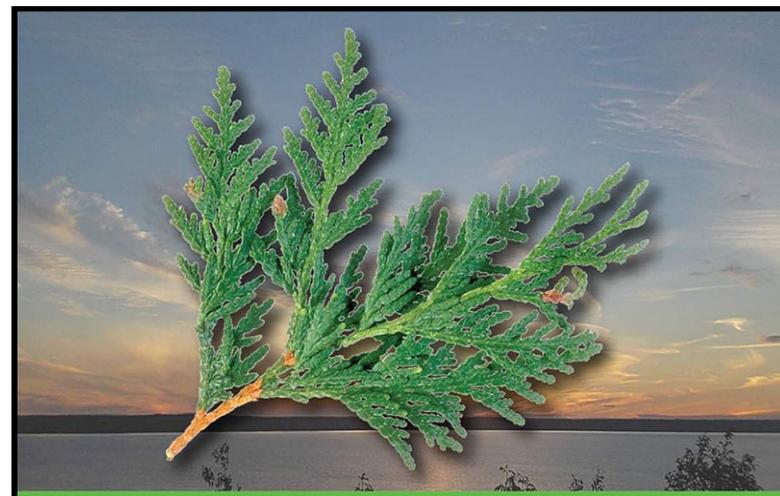
At top, a healthier, undamaged area of the reef offshore of Kahekili Beach Park away from the wastewater discharges. At bottom, coral damage resulting from wastewater effluent discharges offshore of Kahekili Beach Park, Aug. 19, 2019.

The county argued it does not require Clean Water Act permits for its pollution because it is not discharging "directly" into waters of the U.S., but instead pollutes via groundwater.

The Environmental Protection Agency, which previously filed an amicus brief in the Ninth Circuit supporting clean water advocates' argument against Maui County, reversed its position under President Trump. This reversed four decades of previous EPA practice — under Republican and Democratic administrations — that the Clean Water Act regulates discharges of pollution that reach waters of the U.S. through groundwater.

A federal court in Hawai'i and the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals both found that Maui County was operating in violation of the Clean Water Act. The Supreme Court's decision solidifies the Clean Water Act's place as one of the nation's most effective environmental laws.

Courtesy photos.



Cedar giizhik

Cedar is a dark green leaf that dries easily with a very strong fresh odor. Once the cedar is dried, it is burned while praying; the prayers will rise on the smoke and be carried to the Creator.

Praying can happen either aloud or silently. In many tribes, cedar is sprawled along the floor of the sweat lodges. Cedar is burned to cleanse many different things, and also can be used for self-cleansing. Burning cedar drives out negative energy around and within you.



Sage mshkodewashk

Sage is a green-grey herb with velvety leaves. Once harvested, it is best to store in a cool, dry place. Sage candles and teas are very popular for their warm woody scent and flavor. Sage is often dried and bundled together and these bundles are called 'smudging sticks'. Sage is burned in smudging ceremonies, to drive out negative spirits, feelings, or influences. It is thought to have healing abilities. Sage smoke is believed to keep bad spirits from entering an area where a ceremony is taking place.

There are many other ceremonies where sage plays an important role. For example in a purifying ceremony it is wrapped around an object to purify it. Sage is spread around the floor of a sweat lodge before the lodge is used, and sage wreaths are placed around the head and wrists of a sundancer before the Sundance begins.



Sweetgrass wiingashk

Sweetgrass is a tall, natural wild grass with a sweet scent. It is usually braided, dried and burned before use. Sweetgrass is used for blessing a person, place or thing.

Sweetgrass can be burned in prayer during ceremonies to attract positive energies and is used for smudging. It is considered a sacred plant.

Your Child's Early Development is a Journey

Check off the milestones your child has reached and share your child's progress with the doctor at every visit.

6 MONTHS

- Copies sounds
- Begins to sit without support
- Likes to play with others, especially parents
- Responds to own name
- Strings vowels together when babbling ("ah," "eh," "oh")

12 MONTHS (1 YEAR)

- Uses simple gestures such as shaking head for "no" or waving "bye bye"
- Copies gestures
- Responds to simple spoken requests

18 MONTHS (1 1/2 YEARS)

- Says "mama" and "dada"
- Pulls up to stand
- Says several single words
- Knows what ordinary things are for; for example, telephone, brush, spoon
- Plays simple pretend, such as feeding a doll
- Points to show others something interesting

2 YEARS

- Follows simple instructions
- Kicks a ball
- Says sentences with 2 to 4 words
- Gets excited when with other children
- Walks alone
- Plays simple pretend with other children
- Pulls up to stand

3 YEARS

- Points to things or pictures when they're named
- Copies adults and friends (like running when other children run)
- Carries on a conversation using 2 to 3 sentences
- Climbs well
- Plays make-believe with dolls, animals and people
- Shows affection for friends without prompting

4 YEARS

- Would rather play with other children than alone
- Tells stories
- Hops and stands on one foot for up to 2 seconds
- Draws a person with 2 to 4 body parts
- Plays cooperatively

These are just a few of many important milestones to look for. For more complete checklists by age, visit www.cdc.gov/ActEarly or call 1-800-CDC-INFO.

Anxiety presents itself in many different ways...

The desire to control people and events 	Difficulty getting to sleep 	Feeling agitated or angry 
Defiance and other challenging behaviors 	Having high expectations for self, including school work & sports 	Avoiding activities or events (including school) 
Pain like stomachaches and headaches 	Struggling to pay attention and focus 	Intolerance of uncertainty 
Crying and difficulty managing emotions 	Over-planning for situations and events 	Feeling worried about situations or events 

Draw Your Feelings!



Mindfulness includes awareness of what you're feeling, as well as the world around us. Young children sometimes have difficulty naming their feelings. Drawing emotions can be a great way for a child to pay attention to what they're feeling at a given moment and express it without words. Try doing this exercise at different times, not only when your child is upset.

- Sit down together and ask the child to close their eyes and think about how they are feeling.
- You might want to offer some words to give them ideas (happy, disappointed, silly, scared, angry etc.)
- You can also model the exercise by drawing how you are feeling.
- If they feel like naming their emotions, you can write the word on their picture if they like.

If you would like more information or would like to speak with a counselor or advisor, please contact LTBB Behavioral Health at 231-242-1640

Practical Ways to Cope



- Relax your body often by doing things that work for you:
 - *Take deep breaths
 - *Stretch
 - *Meditate and/or pray
 - *Engage in activities you enjoy
- Pace yourself between stressful activities and do something fun after a hard task!
- Grant yourself healthy rewards such as 'play' time, fun music, or a favorite healthy meal.
- Talk about your experiences and feelings to loved ones and friends, if you find it helpful.
- Maintain a sense of hope and positive thinking; consider keeping a journal where you write down things you are grateful for or that are going well.

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Tobacco semaa

Tobacco plants have large green leaves that need to be dried and shredded before use. Tobacco has been used in a sacred way by many tribes for a very long time. If used properly, tobacco can both heal and communicate with the Spirit World and Creator. Just like sweetgrass, cedar, and sage, traditional tobacco is to be burned during prayers and ceremonies in small amounts. Tobacco has both honor and purpose but when used improperly has no connection to Aboriginal spirituality..

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"NEW NORMAL" FOR TRIBAL CASINOS REOPENING

By Dalton Walker, *Indian Country Today*

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Some of the first tribal casinos are opening back up as many U.S. businesses remain closed, and they are undertaking some big changes like smoking bans, mask requirements and new technology aimed at keeping slot machines clean.

Coeur D'Alene Casino in northern Idaho was one of the first tribal casinos to reopen May 1 as part of a phased and limited opening. At least one tribe in Washington state did the same with similar restrictions and enhanced safety measures. Other Washington tribes have target dates for reopening in mid-May.

"We modeled our plan based on what people already see with hand sanitizers everywhere, ability to wear gloves, masks," said Travis O'Neil, General Manager of Washington state's Angel of the Winds Casino Resort. "The tribe depends on the casino revenue to support themselves, their tribal members, their plans, their programs."

Casinos in Indian country have been shuttered for weeks due to the COVID-19 pandemic, slashing tribal revenues and affecting hundreds of thousands of workers. With no property tax base, many tribes in the lower 48 depend on tribal gaming to fund essential tribal government services and for jobs.

Some tribes have continued to pay casino staff to stay away while others furloughed or laid off employees in an effort to save money.

Angel of the Winds, about 45 miles north of Seattle, furloughed 600 workers when it closed nearly two months ago.

The Stillaquamish Tribe of Indians owns the casino and resort, and tentatively planned to reopen May 13. The tribe hasn't reported any coronavirus cases.

Like other Washington tribes, it has kept a close eye on Governor Jay Inslee's plan to reopen the state for guidance. The Democratic governor has been challenged by conservative lawmakers for his stay-at-home order and phased approach.

Inslee has been in communication with tribal leaders and acknowledges tribes sovereignty, his office said.

"The governor has said all along people should stay home, but he also does not have jurisdiction over sovereign tribes and wants to be respectful of those relationships," it said in a statement to *Indian Country Today*. "But, ultimately, the governor would rather people not be going to venues such as casinos right now."

In Washington, 22 tribes operate 29 casinos. Casinos generate more than \$2 billion a year and are a top-10 state employer with 30,000 workers, according to the *Seattle Times*.

At Angel of the Winds, the biggest change patrons will notice is that it's now smoke-free, making it one of few casinos in Indian country to dedicate an entire building to no smoking. Most casinos previously dedicated a smaller smoke-free section on the casino floor.

The change was based on the new coronavirus affecting breathing, O'Neil said.

"It's up to every property to figure out what is best for their situation, but we believe this is best for us," he said.

Other changes include requiring patrons to wear face masks once inside and requiring employees to wear masks on the gaming floor. Additional sanitizers stations have been added to the gaming floor. Plexiglass barriers have been placed in customer service areas. The gaming floor and slot machines will be regularly wiped.

An expansion in fall 2019 allowed the casino to place machines farther apart and opened up space on the casino floor, which can help with social distancing, O'Neil said.

"We are still monitoring that if we need to turn every other machine off or third machine," he said.

The first phase of reopening includes a limit on food and beverage options, and only half the floor will be open. Patrons will be encouraged not to gather in groups. Employees will have their temperatures checked before they are allowed in the building, and each will be asked to take a short questionnaire to best gauge employee health, O'Neil said.

Any requirements or decisions can potentially change on a day-to-day basis, he added.

Table games will remain closed during the initial phase.

The hotel will reopen with limited housekeeping interaction to avoid unnecessary contact. Entertainment events are not planned anytime soon. Some food options will be available with limits on the number of people in the area. Valet will also remain closed initially.

The casino celebrated its 15th anniversary last fall and employs 650. With the reopening, some of its 600 furloughed workers have been brought back but not all, O'Neil said.

"Hopefully when things do get back to whatever the new normal is, we can call them back and back on payroll," he said. "People get comfortable with new processes. We'll take it slow at the beginning," O'Neil added. "We are going to make mistakes, and we know that. We want them to be small mistakes, not huge ones."

Tribes across Indian country have posted detailed safety measures on casino websites and routinely share updates on social media.

In April, the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development estimated that tribal gaming, non-gaming enterprises and tribal governments together support more than 1.1 million jobs and more than \$49.5 billion in annual wages across the U.S.

Other Washington tribes targeted early May to reopen only to extend closures. Colville Tribes in the central part of the state were among those to extend their closures. A new reopen date was set for May 19.

"We want to be the right place, for the right time," said Colville Tribal Federal Corporation CEO Kary Nichols in a statement. "Our No. 1 priority has always been the health and safety of our team members, valued guests and communities."

Near the Idaho border and Spokane, WA, Northern Quest Resort and Casino opened May 5 and within hours reported a \$61,000 jackpot winner on social media. "Congratulations to our first big jackpot winner. And thank you Spokane for a fabulous first day back!" the post read.

Casino officials cited needed revenue and a low number of positive coronavirus cases in its area compared to the western part of the state as reasons to reopen.

As of May 5, Spokane County had 373 cases and 23 virus-related deaths, according to MyNorthwest.com. Seattle, one of the first cities in the nation to have a spike in coronavirus cases, is located in King County, and the same site reported 6,621 positive cases and 469 deaths.

The Kalispel Tribe of Indians owns Northern Quest and the smaller Kalispel Casino. The tribe closed the two casinos before the governor implemented statewide restrictions to help "flatten the curve," casino General Manager Nick Pierre said. Pierre is also a tribal council member.

"We need to get our doors back open, and we're doing it in a very safe manner," he said.

"We are known for what we call 'Kalispel hospitality,' making people feel special. Everyone is welcome here. We want to get back to that, and we want to make sure this is a safe and fun environment," Pierre added.

The casino will be open 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. as part of a phased reopening, and half of its 1,600 slot machines will be in operation. Face masks for patrons are encouraged but not required. Casino workers who work in guest-service areas will wear face masks. New technology has been implemented to notify casino workers when a machine is vacant, so they can clean it between players.

Table games will be open but limited to two patrons at each table, and every other table will be closed. Poker and off-track betting will continue to be closed.

Food options include a noodle restaurant and sports bar with new seating configurations and floor markers for social distancing.

Safety measures have also been implemented for the hotel to promote social distancing. For example, elevator usage will be limited, and occupied rooms will be spaced out from other occupied rooms.

The tribe employed 2,500 people, including its gaming operations. About 1,800 were laid off while 400 were furloughed, said casino CEO Phil Haugen.

"It's time for our area to start opening up, and we're proud to be the leader in this area," Haugen said. "We're one of the largest employers in our area, and it's unfortunate a lot of our team members are still trying to get unemployment and everything, and we want to get them back as quickly as possible."

Dalton Walker, *Red Lake Anishinaabe*, is a national correspondent at *Indian Country Today*.

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1 reusable cup = 500 coffee cups

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1 cloth towel = 7,300 paper towels

"THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE ARE THE ONES WHO DO THE LITTLE THINGS CONSISTENTLY."

9 TIPS FOR LIVING WITH LESS PLASTIC

- 1 Bring your own shopping bag
- 2 Carry a reusable water bottle
- 3 Bring your own cup
- 4 Pack your lunch in reusable containers
- 5 Say no to disposable straws & cutlery
- 6 Skip the plastic produce bags
- 7 Slow down and dine in
- 8 Store leftovers in glass jars
- 9 Share these tips with your friends

LESS PLASTIC.

GOVERNOR WHITMER SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE MICHIGAN CORONAVIRUS TASK FORCE ON RACIAL DISPARITIES



help us identify the factors driving this disparity and to identify actions we can take to create a more equitable Michigan for everyone," Governor Whitmer said. "Each of the task force members will provide a unique perspective and play a vital part in identifying these barriers and ensuring all Michiganders have equal access to critical resource when they need them most."

"We know that generations of racial disparities and inequality has a detrimental impact on the lives of people across the state," Lt. Governor Gilchrist said. "The coronavirus pandemic has shown this inequity to be particularly damaging, especially in the Black community, where the health of our friends and family has been disproportionately impacted. That's why we are taking immediate action to assemble some of the greatest minds to tackle this racial injustice now and in the future."

The task force will investigate the causes of racial disparities in the impact of COVID-19, recommend actions to address those disparities, and suggest ways to:

- Increase transparency in reporting data regarding the racial and ethnic impact of COVID-19.
- Remove barriers to accessing physical and mental health care.
- Reduce the impact of medical bias in testing and treatment.
- Mitigate environmental and infrastructure factors contributing to increased exposure during pandemics resulting in mortality.
- Develop and improve systems for supporting long-term economic recovery and physical and mental health care following a pandemic.

tems for supporting long-term economic recovery and physical and mental health care following a pandemic.

The task force will also work with different groups of community action stakeholders. Given the complexities of developing and implementing actions to address racial disparities, a diversity of stakeholders will provide valuable insights about how best to engage with the community, local government and health systems.

The task force will also identify avenues of funding for combatting racial disparities in the impact of COVID-19 and recommend changes in Michigan law relevant to combatting racial disparities in the impact of and response to pandemics.

The Michigan Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Disparities will be chaired by Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist and include Department of Health and Human Services Director Robert Gordon or his designee, Chief Medical Executive Dr. Joneigh S. Khalidun and the following members appointed by the governor:

Among the 23 appointees is Jamie Paul Stuck, of Scotts, MI, the Tribal Council Chairman and member of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Tribal Council.

The task force will continue its work until 90 days after the termination of the declared states of emergency and disaster or such other time as the governor identifies.

These appointments are not subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Courtesy photo.

Among the 23 Appointees is Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Tribal Chairman Jamie Paul Stuck

Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order No. 2020-55 creating the Michigan Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Disparities.

The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately impacted communities of color throughout our state. While African Americans represent 13.6% of Michigan's population, they represent a staggering 40% of the deaths from COVID-19. The task force will act in an advisory capacity to the governor and study the causes of racial disparities in the impact of COVID-19 and recommend actions to immediately address such disparities and the historical and systemic inequities that underlie them.

"COVID-19 has taken a disproportionate toll on Michigan's communities of color and I am confident this task force will

INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN, INC. OFFERING NALOXONE/ HARM REDUCTION REMOTE TRAINING

Aanii, I am Lisa Moran, Education Manager at Inter-Tribal Council (ITC) of Michigan, Inc. With Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Stay Home, Stay Safe Executive Order and closures, we have adapted to provide training remotely on Naloxone/Harm Reduction for all programs and community members in need of Narcan.

As the number of fatal opioid overdoses continue to increase dramatically across

America, it is important to have naloxone in the hands of first responders, health professionals, family members and friends who can save someone's life before it is too late. I wanted you to be aware of our efforts at ITC to increase awareness and provide this training to you.

I will provide a PowerPoint presentation titled, *Opioid Misuse & Overdose Prevention Strategies*. After you complete the training, you will be required



to complete a test that will ask questions from the presentation. You will need a minimum score of 90% to receive a certificate. You will also receive two Continuing Education Units (CEU) granted by the Michigan Certification Board for Addiction Professionals (MCBAP). I will mail you your certificate upon completion along with boxes of naloxone per your request.

Please contact me at l Moran@itcmi.org. I will e-mail you everything you need to complete the training. Stay safe and stay healthy!

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Don't miss out on the sounds of life.

Hearing aid assistance is now processed through the Health Department. Call to see if you qualify! 231-242-1600

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- Work in the tribal community?
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Call: 231-242-1563

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Little Traverse Bay Bands Of Odawa Indians 1h ago

- Want to be updated everytime there is an event?
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GOVERNOR WHITMER ANNOUNCES INITIAL AUTO INSURANCE RATE FILINGS EXCEED ANTICIPATED SAVINGS UNDER THE NEW LAW

Editor's note: The following is a press release from the office of Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) announced that Michigan's auto insurer rate filings approved by DIFS will provide savings to Michigan's drivers, that not only equal, but exceed, the law's required reductions of average statewide per vehicle premiums. In its review, DIFS rejected Personal Injury Protection (PIP) filings that used any rating factors not permitted under the new law such as sex, marital status, home ownership or zip code, requiring companies to resubmit each filing with prohibited factors removed. For the first time, all filed rates were reviewed by outside independent actuaries to confirm compliance with the law.

"This is great news for Michigan drivers and their families," said Governor Whitmer. "Last year, we worked across the aisle to pass a historic, bipartisan auto insurance reform to bring down costs for drivers everywhere. It's great to see that it's paying off for Michiganders, especially during a time when drivers may need extra money in their pockets. I look forward to continue working across the aisle to ensure lower rates for Michiganders."

Under the new auto insurance law, which takes effect for policies that issue or renew after July 1, 2020, Michigan drivers will now have a choice in the amount of PIP medical coverage to purchase on their policy. These choices equal or exceed the highest benefits in the country, and Michigan is the only state where unlimited PIP medical continues to be an option.

PIP Medical coverage pays allowable expenses for medical care, recovery, rehabilitation and some funeral expenses, and typically represents almost

half of an individual driver's premium. Even when adjusted for statutory increases in Bodily Injury coverage (BI), the filings continue to show savings better than what the law required. Pursuant to the new law, rate reductions are shown as statewide averages and are required for eight years. Auto insurance premiums are very individual to each consumer and may vary based upon such things as driving record, miles driven and coverages selected.

As of April 24, 2020, the initial six filings approved represent a quarter of Michigan's auto insurance market. The aggregated data shows that the average, statewide PIP medical reductions exceeding the statutory requirements as follows.

PIP Limit	Mandated Reduction	Avg. Reduction
Unlimited	At least -10%	-16.5%
\$500,000	At least -20%	-36.3%
\$250,000	At least -35%	-41.9%
\$50,000	At least -45%	-54.3%

Early on, there were concerns raised in the media that PIP Medical reductions would be negated by statutory increases in BI Coverage limits, but that is not the case:

"These filings show statewide savings exceeding the law's requirement at each PIP coverage level," said DIFS Director, Anita Fox. "Michiganders can also choose a coverage that best fits their family's needs and budget and can expect savings for each option."

DIFS continues to operate its dedicated, no-fault hotline with calls being answered Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Drivers can also call 833-ASK-DIFS (275-3437), e-mail at autoinsurance@michigan.gov or visit www.michigan.gov/autoinsurance for more details on changes to the law, a schedule of weekly town halls and instructional videos on how to fill out new forms.

STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE PARTNERS WITH THE MARIGOLD PROJECT



The Marigold Project has selected StrongHearts Native Helpline as a recipient of net proceeds from the sale of a special 7" vinyl album and downloads of Nathaniel Rateliff's song "Willie's Birthday Song," a tribute to Willie Nelson. The album will be available this summer exclusively at shop.nathanielrateliff.com/. The forthcoming 7" release will also include a duet by Rateliff and Willie as the A-side, which will at that time be available digitally. Listen, share and download the song here: <https://found.ee/NRWil->

liesBirthdaySong

Founded by Denver-based musician, Rateliff, The Marigold Project supports community and non-profit organizations working on issues of economic and social justice. The Marigold Project believes all people deserve to be treated with respect. In order to move forward together, The Marigold Project seeks to fund strategies that solve problems caused by income inequality, boost civic engagement, spark creativity, offer equitable access to growing and eating good food and encourage gender and racial justice.

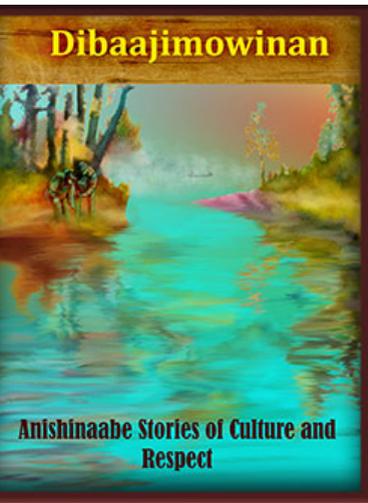
"The work of StrongHearts is something both Nathaniel and Willie are hugely supportive of, and we hope to shine a light on their efforts," said Executive Director of The Marigold Project Kari Nott.

StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-762-8483) is a culturally appropriate domestic violence and dating violence helpline for Native Americans, available every day from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. StrongHearts advocates offer peer support and advocacy, education, safety planning, crisis intervention and referrals to Native centered domestic violence service providers.

"We are honored to be chosen as a beneficiary of this special project," said StrongHearts Director Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians).

Courtesy graphic.

OJIBWEMOWIN: LISTEN AND READ ALONG



Dibaajimowinan: Anishinaabe Stories of Culture and Respect is now available in a digital flipbook format. In an effort to expand availability and access to GLIFWC's Ojibwe language materials, the original story transcripts and audio recordings have been integrated into the www.glifwc-inwe.com website. Listen and read along as Anishinaabe speakers and storytellers share stories of cultural practices relating to natural resources and harvesting. <https://www.glifwc-inwe.com/dibaajimowinan-stories.html>

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The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Community Health Staff

Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid (Maj-tog Minowb-maude-zid) Means "A Start of a Healthy Life"

We are working towards providing services and information that will keep our infants, women and families in the best of health. There are no income guidelines to determine eligibility. We hope our services will reach all families who will be bringing an Anishinaabe baby into this world. Our program is designed to provide services needed to both parent and newborn up to the age of five years.

Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid is designed to complement, but not replace obstetrical and pediatric medical care.

In addition to providing support and education during pregnancy, there is also a focus on helping women become and stay healthy before and after pregnancy. We affirm the sacred role of women in the community as givers of life and promote understanding of the importance of family well-being and the health of women throughout the lifespan.

For more information on Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid, please call Carol J. Sodman-Morris, Maternal Nurse Educator for Family Spirit, at 231-242-1614.

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- Are residents of the State of Michigan

*Eligibility for the Healthy Michigan Plan is determined through the Modified Adjusted Gross Income methodology.

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THERE'S ANOTHER STORY BEHIND THAT LAND O'LAKES BUTTER BOX

By Dalton Walker

important and needed change," Flanagan tweeted. "Native people are not mascots or logos. We are very much still here."

North Dakota State Rep. Ruth Buffalo, Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, told a Fargo Forum reporter that the image goes "hand-in-hand with human and sex trafficking of our women and girls ... by depicting Native women as sex objects."

A week later Rep. Buffalo added on Facebook: "It is unfortunate the issue of Land O' Lakes cooperative's recent decision to phase out the 'Mia the butter maiden' logo on its packaging has been used in a divisive way. As an elected legislator in North Dakota and a Native American woman, I was asked for an opinion on this decision that was, as with most complex issues, distilled to a short quote." Buffalo's well-reasoned post explored issues ranging from using Native images in the multibillion advertising issue to the impact on popular culture.

"We are not invisible people, and we no longer accept breadcrumbs or in this instance, butter for those breadcrumbs," she concluded. "Let's work together to make real, contemporary Native American women visible and value their work and contributions to today's society. Let's respect and value their voices even when we may disagree."

This is where the story twists because the legacy of Ojibwe artist Patrick DesJarlait goes well beyond Mia and Land O'Lakes.

DesJarlait was employed by the advertising agency Campbell-Mithun in Minneapolis when he was given the assignment to market the farmer-owned cooperative. The original brand of "Mia" had been refurbished twice since its launch in 1928. DesJarlait was tapped to create a third version. He

"Butter Box" continued on page 24.

Editor's note: The following article and photographs appeared in *Indian Country Today* and are reprinted here with permission. Land O'Lakes has removed the Indian maiden, who had appeared on its dairy products for almost 100 years. Although some considered the image racist and stereotypical, there's another side to the story.

The legacy of Patrick DesJarlait is his body of work, some 300 pieces of art across the U.S. in museums and private collections

There's more to this story than a box of butter.

One version starts when Land O'Lakes quietly removed "Mia," the face of its butter since 1928 from its boxes. Company President Beth Ford said in February 6 news release that the new marketing campaign "needed packaging that reflects the foundation and heart of our company culture - and nothing does that better than our farmer-owners whose milk is used to produce Land O'Lakes dairy products."

This was all done without fanfare. Where Mia kneeled for nearly a century, there is now an empty space. What remains is a logo and a lake with trees in the background.

People picked up the new butter packages without much notice. Then the Minnesota Reformer, a digital non-profit news source, reported the change on April 15. That story went viral and was posted by national media ranging from The New York Times to NBC's Today show.

The change was applauded by many in and out of Indian country, including Minnesota Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan, White Earth Nation.

"Thank you to Land O'Lakes for making this



Red Lake Ojibwe artist Patrick DesJarlait circa 1971. (Photo courtesy of Robert DesJarlait)



Loading packaged butter onto freight car. Land O'Lakes plant, Minneapolis, Minnesota. (Library of Congress)



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“Butter Box” continued from page 23.

reimagined a more human character, adding detail to Mia’s face and floral motifs on her dress. Subtle changes that mattered.

That was the brand that stuck for seven decades. But the real legacy of DesJarlait is his body of work, some 300 pieces of art across the U.S. in museums and private collections. For many, especially for Red Lake Ojibwe in Minnesota, DesJarlait’s artistry impact remains nearly 50 years after his death. The award-winning artist and U.S. Navy veteran died at age 51 in 1972 from cancer complications.

“My dad’s artwork has been out there for so long, and there’s so many people that just don’t even know about his beautiful artwork,” DesJarlait’s daughter Charmaine Branchaud said. “There’s a story behind that man. It’s a part of history. Now, we are making history again with Mia. She’s disappeared, but that doesn’t mean my dad’s artwork is going to disappear. She was just a little bitty part of it. He had a lot of accomplishments in his life.”



Patrick DesJarlait, Red Lake Ojibwe. (Photo courtesy of Robert DesJarlait)

DesJarlait’s son, Robert DesJarlait, 73, said he was initially glad that the stereotypical image was finally removed. Then, the power of social media reminded him of another side of the discussion that was overlooked.

On his Facebook page, Robert said many Ojibwe people shared their perspective of Mia while growing up Native. “Basically, it was giving the previous generation a sense of almost empowerment to see a Native woman on a box of butter. It gave them a sense of cultural pride,” he said. “After seeing those posts, I said, ‘that’s right, that’s why my dad created this image to begin with.’”

The design, besides Mia, shows a lake with two points of land that Robert DesJarlait said represented Red Lake and an area on the reservation known as the Narrows, where lower and upper Red Lake meet. Another homage, one that is hard to see on the products, on Mia’s dress are Ojibwe floral design patterns.

“My father was working it both ways - he was strengthening the Land O’Lakes name by placing Mia at the lake and he was integrating a deeper Ojibwe connection to the environment in which they lived. Trees and lakes are part of our identity. As such, his art, and Mia, was a visual reminder of our connection to our homelands,” Robert DesJarlait said in a Facebook post.

Robert DesJarlait, who like his dad is an artist, said his father has never gotten the proper credit for his creations. In the early 1950s, Patrick DesJarlait created the bear mascot, Hamm’s Bear, that was a staple for Theodore Hamm’s Brewing Company for years.

“He was breaking barriers when he was in commercial art,” Robert DesJarlait said about his dad. “When other Ojibwe people in Minnesota found out (about his success) as an Ojibwe artist, they were proud of that, too.”

An autobiography by Patrick DesJarlait, along with author Neva Williams, was published in 1994. The book is about DesJarlait’s life growing up in Red Lake, his military career and his life as an artist. When he was a young boy, Branchaud said her dad went blind for about a year and traditional medicines by his mom slowly helped DesJarlait regain his vision. Learning that history about her dad and her grandmother, Branchaud went into a career in healthcare.

In the Navy, DesJarlait’s art talent was utilized. First as an instructor in Arizona at the Poston Internment Camp for Japanese internees and later at the U.S. Naval Academy in San Diego where he created animated training films.

Prints of DesJarlait’s art work are still available online via a website Branchaud helps manage.

Branchaud, 65, remembers growing up and seeing her dad working on his craft at the table in their suburban Minneapolis home.

“He was at the kitchen table, doing his tracing, then watercolors came out and voilà a beautiful painting in front of him,” Branchaud said. “Those are the kind of memories I have.”

Over the April 18 weekend, Branchaud went grocery shopping and hit the dairy section and purposely looked for Land O’Lakes items. She found an unsalted whipped butter tub that still has Mia. She didn’t have much luck finding any signature items with the image.

“No real butter, no butter, butter,” she said with a laugh.

Dalton Walker, Red Lake Anishinaabe, is a National Correspondent at Indian Country Today. Follow him on Twitter - @daltonwalker

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The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Chambers 7500 Odawa Circle Harbor Springs, MI 49740 Tribal Council Regular Meeting March 12, 2020

Call to Order: 9:03 a.m.
Opening ceremony: Legislative Leader Emily Proctor
Closed Session: No

Council Present: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor
Absent: Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Leroy Shomin, Secretary Julie Shananaquet

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee, General Counsel Jim Bransky

Corporate Charters Present: none

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chair Regina Gasco Bentley, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, Unit II Executive Director Daugherty "Duffy" Johnson

Judicial Officials and Staff: Domestic Violence Court Docket Coordinator Stuart Fenton

Public: none
Invited Guest: none

Motion made by Councilor Marty Van De Car and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp adopt the agenda for March 12, 2020 as amended.

Comments: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. suggests extending the Paid Time Off (PTO) Policy so staff does not attend work while being sick.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Leroy Shomin, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 20, 2020 as presented.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Leroy Shomin, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2020 as presented.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 4 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Leroy Shomin, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Executive Oversight Report:

Discussion: Tribal Chair Regina Gasco Bentley

The Safety Group has been meeting two times per week. A meeting will be held tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. and at 4:30 p.m.

All Executive and Department Travel has been cancelled.

All activities have been cancelled this week and until further notice.

Please do not panic over the

Coronavirus. The steps the Executive is taking is precautionary measures. More will be known this Friday, March 13, 2020 and their office will update staff and community.

A conference call is scheduled with the State of Michigan tomorrow.

If the media contacts anyone within the Tribe regarding the coronavirus, please direct them to Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon at x1421.

Update from the Natural Resources Department Director Doug Craven and Executive on the Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination in Pellston, MI. The Executive will be sending an official letter to both the State of Michigan and Representative Lee Chatfield.

-The Housing Department will be attaching well filters on the two tribally owned properties in Pellston.

Attending many Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) 2020 Negotiations. Retired Justice Michael F. Cavanagh has been hired as a mediator for negotiations.

-Thanked both Natural Resources Director Doug Craven and Great Lakes Fisheries Manager Kevin Donner for doing an excellent job in representing the Tribe at these negotiations.

The "free house" has ongoing repairs and a target date for tenants is May 1, 2020.

9:23 a.m. Councilor Leroy Shomin arrives

Discussion: Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon

Facilities is working hard on cleaning the buildings.

-Purchase Orders are in for disinfectants and Clorox Steam Cleaners

Discussion: Unit II Executive Director Daugherty "Duffy" Johnson

Received COVID19 Protocols from Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick.

All three branches of government will be working on a unified protocol.

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to acknowledge the verbal Executive Report as presented by Tribal Chair Regina Gasco Bentley, Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon, and Unit II Executive Director Daugherty "Duffy" Johnson on March 12, 2020.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Secretary Julie Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Legislative Officer Reports:

Legislative Leader Report

Tribal Council Youth Ad-Hoc Committee meetings have been postponed. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Working with both Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount and Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick on COVID-19 office protocols and department procedures.

Met with the Executive and General Counsel on land sub-leases.

Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount has authorization

for approving Administrative duties regarding staff and PTO.

Communication with staff.

Approved two Tribal Council phone polls, Certified Motions and protocol.

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to accept Legislative Leader Emily Proctor's verbal and written report for March 12, 2020.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Secretary Julie Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

9:54 a.m. Break

10:08 a.m. Return

Secretary Report

Documents Delivered to the Executive

The following Resolution & Statute were delivered to the Executive for signature:

-Tribal Resolution Supplemental funding for Ziibimijwang, Inc. in the amount of \$224,440 to come from the General Fund-Fund Bal-

Tribal Council Meeting Dates

June 9 Work Session
June 11 Council Meeting
June 23 Work Session
June 25 Council Meeting

July 7 Work Session
July 9 Council Meeting
July 21 Work Session
July 23 Council Meeting

All Tribal Council meetings and work sessions are held in the Tribal Council Chambers located at
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ance restricted for Economic Development is due back to Tribal Council on or before 03/27/2020.

-Waganakising Odawak Statute Constitutionally Mandated Compensation for Election Board Members is due back to Tribal Council on or before 04/01/2020.

Vetoes (*a vote of Tribal Council to override a veto shall occur within 90-days of the veto*):

-Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2018-016 Gaming Authority Statute

VETOED on 02/07/2020.

-Gaming Regulatory Statute

VETOED on 02/11/2020.

Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council:

-02/25/2020 PHONE POLL #1:

Motion to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplemental funding for

Ziibimijwang, Inc. in the amount of \$224,440 to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance

restricted for Economic Development.

Phone Poll Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 3 Absent (Treasurer Marcella

Reyes, Councilor

Fred Kiogima, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Comments: none

Motion carried

-02/25/2020 PHONE POLL #2:

Motion to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Constitutionally

Mandated Compensation for Election Board Members.

VOTE: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Councilor Leroy Shomin), 3 Absent (Treasurer Marcella

Reyes, Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Melissa Pamp)

Comments: none Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to accept the verbal and written Secretary Report as provided on the agenda by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor for March 12, 2020.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Secretary Julie Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Appropriations and Finance Committee

-Last Meeting: February 14, 2020. (Motions made at Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting were presented at the February 20, 2020 Tribal Council Meeting)

-Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee: none

Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to accept the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Reyes, Committee Chair for March 12, 2020.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Secretary Julie Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Land and Reservation Committee

-Last Meeting: February 14, 2020
-The March 6, 2020 meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

(Motions made at Land and Reservation Committee Meeting were presented at the February 20, 2020 Tribal Council Meeting.)

-Next Meeting: Monday, March 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Phone Polls passed by Land and Reservation Committee: none

Motion made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to accept the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Reyes, Committee Chair for March 12, 2020.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Secretary Julie Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Tribal Council Member Reports:

Councilor Marty Van De Car - Travel Report

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Councilor Marty Van De Car's United Tribes of Michigan Meeting, February 19

-20, 2020 written and verbal travel

report.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Secretary Julie Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Treasurer Marcella Reyes - Travel Report

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Treasurer Marcella Reyes' United Tribes of Michigan Meeting, February 19-20, 2020 verbal travel report.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Secretary Julie Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Legislative Office Reports:

Office of Finance and Revenue

i. Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates as provided by Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope.

ia. Traditional Tribal Burial Board, Inc.

Hard working board. They have accomplished a lot in a short amount of time.

Questioned when they will have new board members?

Note: This question was raised by Councilor Melissa Pamp to Unit II Executive Director Daugherty "Duffy" Johnson during the Executive Oversight Report at the February 20, 2020 Tribal Council Meeting.

ib. Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.

The board is doing well.

Locking in at lower interest rates.

ic. Ziibimijwang, Inc.

id. Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation

ie. Odawa Construction Corporation

Issues with obtaining an EIN number

Legislative Leader Emily Proctor: Suggests the Odawa Construction Corporation have an alternative means of contact other than email.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to accept Senior Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal update on Corporate Charters and/or Boards for March 12, 2020.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Secretary Julie Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Senior Financial Analyst

Attended the Gaming Authority meeting. The Victories Sports and Entertainment Complex (formerly known as the Ozone) within Odawa Casino Resort Petoskey is ahead of schedule and under budget.

Attended two Michigan Government Finance Officers Association (MGFOA) Spring Seminar.

May postpone the Morgan Stanley visit in March.

Will be working on the 2021 Budget binders for the Appropriations and Finance Committee.

Rachel will be on vacation from March 24-31, 2020.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to accept Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal report for March 12, 2020.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained,

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3 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Secretary Julie Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer - No report

Legislative Services Attorney

Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick's written report for March 12, 2020.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Secretary Julie Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

General Counsel

Odawa Casino Resort Sports Betting

Gaming Compact

Attending Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) 2020 Negotiations.

Sewer Line and Pump Station agreement on Lears Road

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to accept General Counsel Jim Bransky's verbal report for March 12, 2020.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Secretary Julie Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to approve the agreement between the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and Bear Creek Township, and Springvale-Bear Creek Sewage Disposal Authority for Sewer Services and Maintenance Access, and authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Secretary Julie Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Legislative Office Manager - No report

Tribal Council Action Items:

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to accept Sunnese Granados' Letter of Resignation from the Gaming Authority.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Marty Van De Car), 3 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Secretary Julie Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Tribal Council Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2019 to be presented at the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Annual Meeting.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Secretary Julie Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Marty Van De Car and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve Ad-Hoc Insurance Committee Report to Tribal Chair and Tribal Council dated February 27, 2020, and approve the Committee's recommendations and "Next Steps".

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Secretary Julie Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to acknowledge Citizenship List C - Voluntary Relinquishment dated March 9, 2020 for a total of one (1).

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Secretary Julie Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Marriage Statute.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.-Yes, Councilor Fred Kiogima-Absent, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-Absent, Councilor Melissa Pamp-Yes, Councilor Leroy Shomin-Yes, Councilor Marty Van De Car-Yes, Treasurer Marcella Reyes-Yes, Secretary Julie Shananaquet-Absent, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-Yes Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Amendment to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2018-016 Gaming Authority Statute.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.-Yes, Councilor Fred Kiogima-Absent, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-Absent, Councilor Melissa Pamp-Yes, Councilor Leroy Shomin-Yes, Councilor Marty Van De Car-Absent, Treasurer Marcella Reyes-Yes, Secretary Julie Shananaquet-Absent, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-No Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Natural Burial Grounds.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.-Yes, Councilor Fred Kiogima-Absent, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-Absent, Councilor Melissa Pamp-Yes, Councilor Leroy Shomin-Yes, Councilor Marty Van De Car-Yes, Treasurer Marcella Reyes-Yes, Secretary Julie

Shananaquet-Absent, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-Yes Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to pass Waganakising Odawak Statute Tribal Burial Board.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.-Yes, Councilor Fred Kiogima-Absent, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-Absent, Councilor Melissa Pamp-Yes, Councilor Leroy Shomin-Yes, Councilor Marty Van De Car-Yes, Treasurer Marcella Reyes-Yes, Secretary Julie Shananaquet-Absent, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-Yes Motion carried.

Other Items of Business:

Gaming Authority - No reports
Motion to pass Tribal Council Committees Meeting Policy and Procedures for Electronic Participation when Conditions Do Not Allow for Physical Presence of Members.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Secretary Julie Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

11:08 a.m. Public Comment Opens

No comments made

11:09 a.m. Public Comment Closed

Legislative Services Attorney

Worked on the Legislative Annual Report for the Community Meeting.

Worked with both Domestic Violence Court Docket Coordinator Stuart Fenton and Councilor Marty Van De Car on the Domestic Violence, Victims' Rights, and Personal Protection Order Statutes.

Will continue to work on the Ad-Hoc Insurance Committee.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick's verbal report for March 12, 2020.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Secretary Julie Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

11:22 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to adjourn.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 - Absent (Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Secretary Julie Shananaquet)

Motion carried.
Next Regular Scheduled Meeting: **Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

These Minutes have been read and are approved as corrected/written.

Julie Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary Date

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Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

NOTICE: Sex Offender Registration Requirements

All persons who have been convicted as a sex offender are required by the LTBB Sex Offender Registration and Notification Statute to register with LTBB Law Enforcement if any of the following circumstances are true:

1. If your residence is on Tribally owned land;
2. If you will be visiting and staying on Tribally owned land for more than seven (7) days;
3. If you are enrolled in any classes or schools located in Tribal buildings; or
4. If you are employed on Tribally owned lands.

LTBB Law Enforcement is located at:
911 Spring Street, Petoskey, MI 49770
231-242-1500

For more information regarding Sex Offender Registry, you can visit the LTBB Website www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov and choose the Law Enforcement link on the right side of the page.

COMMON NUTRIENT DEFICIENCIES & low cost fixes

- IRON**: dried beans, cooking with a cast iron skillet, canned salmon, fortified cereal
- FIBER**: brown rice, dried beans, dried lentils, oatmeal
- FOLATE**: enriched cereal, black-eyed peas, peanuts
- IODINE**: iodized salt, enriched bread
- VITAMIN A**: mixed vegetables

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Ginibwaakaa
You are smart

Gigotaamigiz
You are a good worker

Niminwendam omaa ayaayan
I am happy you are here

Gidapiitendaagoz
You are important

Gidebweyenimin
I believe in you

Ginitaabizindam
You are a good listener

Gidapiitenimin
I value you

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- Younger if you have a family history of colon cancer or polyps.

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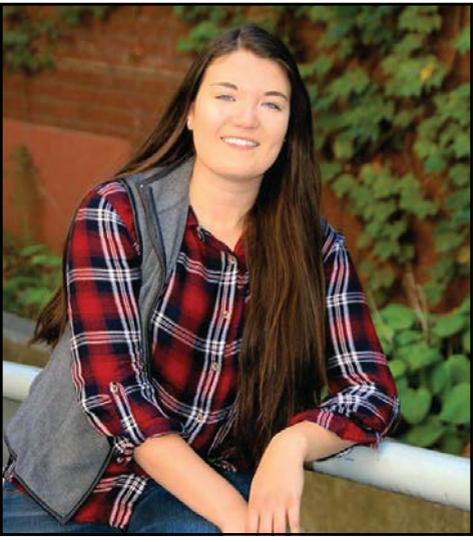
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CONGRATULATIONS 2020 GRADUATES!

Aubrey Dunlap - Wayne State University Graduating Class of 2020!



With great joy and pride, we congratulate our daughter, Aubrey Dunlap, on graduating from Wayne State University earning her B.S. degree with Department Honors in Public Health. We celebrate the hard work and determination it took to earn this degree.

Aubrey embraced her new city (Detroit, MI), making so many new friends for life. She was a member of Delta Zeta Sorority, served on its Executive Board and helped to raise money for the Starkey Hearing Foundation. She was also a member of the on-campus ministry group CRU and traveled with her group to Guatemala to help with their community water project. Aubrey will be taking this year to continue working on staff with her Wayne State University CRU group to help further their on-campus ministry mission.

She then plans to pursue her master's degree in Public Health, attending either Wayne State or the University of Michigan. Aubrey, your entire family near and far are so very proud of all you have accomplished and know you have more to do. The world is yours, but you always know where your home is. Love you Aubrey! Mom (Rose), Dad (Harold) and Eric (brother).



Jayden Jewel Young, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians member, is graduating this June from Somerset Academy in Las Vegas, NV. Jayden has been a member of his high school varsity basketball team since freshman year, is a National Honor Society Member and has received a \$250,000, 4-year scholarship to attend Moorehead University in Minnesota where he has been invited to play football. He signed his letter of intent to attend and play for the university on May 8, 2020. Jayden is the oldest of four siblings and is a son to Lisa Skippergosh-Young and Rokeno Young of Las Vegas, NV. Jayden enjoys playing football, works part-time and is excited to attend college. Jayden will be working towards a Bachelor of Science degree and hopes to attend medical school or law school after graduation. Jayden is the older brother of Jaxon Jewel Young, Mary Jayne RoseAnna Jewel Young and Marleigh Elise Jewel Young. He is a nationally-ranked gymnast, qualified for the Junior Olympics in trampoline and also has been a member of the AAU Basketball

Club Hard to Guard from Las Vegas, NV, and Vegas Elite from Las Vegas, NV. Congratulations Jayden! We are all so proud of you and know you will do great things!



Congratulations to my grandson, **Jayden J. Young**, on your high school graduation in Las Vegas, NV. So proud of you and looking forward to your next chapter of life. Love you always! Grandma Judy.



Congratulations to **Vicki Kelley**, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in General Studies from Lake Superior State University.



Proud parents of **Zachary Sleeman** would like to announce his Central Michigan University graduation with a Bachelor of Science degree in Neuroscience with minors in Biology and Psychology. He will be attending Central Michigan University in the fall to begin his master's program in Health Services Administration.



Proud parents of **Nicholas Sleeman** would like to announce his graduation from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience with a minor in Psychology. He plans to further

his education within the health professions field by pursuing a Master of Science in Health Services Administration at Central Michigan University.



Congratulations to **Tina Dominic**, who earned a Master of Arts from the College of Education at Michigan State University.



Congratulations to **Judith Pierzynowski**, who graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science in Food Industry Management with minors in Leadership in Integrative Learning and American Indian and Indigenous Studies.



Congrats **Jenn Portman** for graduating with honors with a dual degree in Information Technology Management and Digital Marketing from the University of Michigan. Your northern family is very proud of you! Love, Aunt Cathy and Uncle Bob Bradley.



Michael Mondoskin graduated from the University of Alabama with a BA in Music Education and a P-12 Teaching Certification in Music. Congratulations Michael!



Are you a high school or college graduate this year?

Please call the Education Department and let us know!

231-242-1480

Coping as an Elder or High Risk Citizen



Elders, older adults, and those with health concerns may be particularly susceptible to loneliness during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This group is most likely to self-isolate due to fear of infection, and also potentially have fewer supports in place to feel less lonely. The Baby Boomers, in particular, may be the most affected by this pandemic. Older adults can stave off loneliness during this time in the following ways:

- Make phone calls to relatives on a regular schedule, so that they can check in with you and learn about your needs.
- Ask for help from family members when you need it and be specific about how they can help.
- Check to see if your community offers specific shopping hours for seniors so that you can shop for food during low-risk times when absolutely necessary.
- Re-start an old hobby or expand on current hobbies.
- Allow for lots of sun to get into your living space; open blinds and, when appropriate, open windows for fresh air.

If you would like more information or would like to speak with a counselor or advisor, please contact LTBB Behavioral Health at 231-242-1640

Sensory Play for the Whole Family!



Touch is one of our more delicate senses. We can easily tell the difference between hot and cold, wet and dry, smooth and rough, etc. Sensory play is not only good for developing children but also for stress relief for the whole family! Sensory play hard wires your brain to focus on the objects and sensations in the moment, and that can help us to not worry about the stress in our life.

Some common household items that can be used for sensory play:

- Cereal
- Metal Spoons
- Sand (or sugar or salt in a tray)
- Dry Rice
- Bouncy Balls
- Dish Sponge
- Tissue/Tissue Paper
- Buttons
- Paper Towel/Toilet Paper Tubes

You can do almost anything with sensory play! Describe objects, sort them, craft with them, the possibilities are almost endless! Be a kid for a day! 😊

If you would like more information or would like to speak with a counselor or advisor, please contact LTBB Behavioral Health at 231-242-1640

HOW CAN STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENTS ADDRESS TOBACCO-RELATED DISPARITIES?

State and territorial health agencies develop and implement public health programs and policies to reach populations within their jurisdictions. In tobacco control and prevention, state and territorial health agencies have an important role to play in addressing the tobacco-related health disparities among priority populations.

PRIORITY POPULATIONS ARE SOCIODEMOGRAPHIC GROUPS THAT EXPERIENCE TOBACCO-RELATED HEALTH DISPARITIES, INCLUDING:



STATE AND TERRITORIAL HEALTH AGENCIES ARE PATHWAYS FOR PARTNERSHIPS

Community agencies and partners are key to reaching priority populations. The CDC Consortium of National Networks to Impact Populations Experiencing Tobacco-Related and Cancer Health Disparities develops strategies to reduce the burden of tobacco on priority populations. The consortium is a resource to help state and territorial health agencies understand and reach these populations.

Click on the logos below for a link to each network and key stakeholders to engage for their respective priority population:



OPPORTUNITIES FOR STATE AND TERRITORIAL PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERS TO PRIORITIZE THESE POPULATIONS



The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) is the national nonprofit organization representing public health agencies in the United States, its territories and freely associated states, Washington, D.C., and the more than 100,000 public health professionals that these 59 agencies employ. ASTHO members, the chief health officials of these jurisdictions, develop and influence public health policy and ensure excellence in governmental public health practice.

To learn more, please visit ASTHO.org.



NETAAWGIIN (Vegetables) Answer Key Puzzle on page 12.

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| Bipkoombenhs - Cucumber | Minijiimin - Pea/Green Bean |
| Chiniibiish - Lettuce | Mskwadiismin - Bean |
| Eshoonh - Cabbage | Mskwajiis - Beet |
| Gichi'ogin - Tomato | Naadaanoonh - Squash |
| Jiis - Turnip | Pin - Potato |
| Jiisenhs - Carrot | Zhaagaangwash - Onion |
| Koosmaan - Pumpkin | Zhashkwedonh - Mushroom |
| Mandaamin - Corn | |



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you want to prioritize anything that's both important and urgent and do that immediately. After that, focus on doing what's important (*but maybe not urgent*) by scheduling it into your daily plan. If something is urgent, but not important, you will need to determine where it can fit in your daily plan. For any situation that's both not important and not urgent, it might be worth revisiting at a later time. This can be especially helpful when you are feeling overwhelmed or not sure where to start — that's when you establish your priorities with your daily plan! You can type it out or write it out; it doesn't matter how you do it, just get it out! Once you know what your priorities are and you have a plan on when you will do each task, it becomes much less overwhelming, and let me tell you, it is a great feeling to "check things off the list." It might even motivate you to be even more productive.

As students and families adjust to distance education, remember, create a space to study in and eliminate any distractions, set a consistent schedule and most importantly, establish your daily plan and study priorities. These simple tips can make a tremendous difference in productivity while learning from home. However, our department acknowledges that some students may need additional support with digital learning — which is more than understandable. Don't worry, we have resources to help!

Departmental Resources

The Niigaandiwin Education Department offers several resources to support the needs of our students and promote academic success — specifically, **Brainfuse**, **K-12 Tutor Subsidy Program** and the **Online Learning Resource list**. The following section will provide additional information about these resources and how they may be especially helpful for students and families at this time.

Brainfuse - Online Tutoring & More

Brainfuse is an online tutoring and skill development platform that is available to **all** LTBB tribal citizens as well as first-generation descendants, regardless of their grade level proficiency or location. Brainfuse offers a wide range of learning services that are tailored to meet the needs of the individual. Services include but are not limited to:

- Diagnostic tests for targeted academic support
- Instant tutoring from a live tutor in a wide range of subjects
- Submit a question and receive a reply from a tutor
- Review of writing assignments through an online Writing Lab
- Personalized skills building
- Create flashcards and online quizzes/games to reinforce learning
- College readiness
- ACT and SAT test preparation
- GED preparation

Not only has Brainfuse hired additional tutors in order to meet the demand for distance-learning support, they have also been trained and are prepared to deal with all of the unique circumstances that occur with remote learning. Brainfuse is ideal for K-12 students, college students as well as folks who are looking to complete their GED. There is **no**

application process to utilize this service. Any citizen in grades PreK-12th can access Brainfuse RIGHT NOW using their legal name and birthdate. Login at its website www.brainfuse.com or download their mobile app — it is designed to work on both smartphones and tablets and is free and available in both the iOS (Apple) and Google Play (Android) stores.

PreK-12th Login Instructions:

Username: student's first name + last name + ltbb

Password: birthdate

Example:

Margaret Boyd born August 10, 2008

Username: margaretboydltbb

Password: 8102008

To activate a username and password for first-generation descendants, Higher Education students or GED prep, please contact Dorothy Perry at 231-242-1482 or dperry@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

K-12 Tutoring Subsidy Program

The Tutoring Subsidy program provides financial support to offset the cost of hiring a private tutor for LTBB tribal citizens. Citizens must be enrolled in an eligible K-12 education program and families must provide information indicating the student is struggling to meet grade-level proficiency in one or more core academic subjects.

Families find their own tutor and work with the tutor to create a plan outlining the process for student success. Tutors submit a log, and payments will go directly to the tutor on a bi-weekly basis. You can find the application on the LTBB website in the "Forms Directory" under Education or you can e-mail Amanda Weinert at aweinert@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov or Dorothy Perry at dperry@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov to have a copy e-mailed to you. Please note that this service is subject to funds available.

Online Learning Resource List

In response to COVID-19, the Education Department is providing information and guidance to assist students and families as well as our local school districts. Our K-12 Academic Services staff have created an Online Learning Resource List, and you can access this list at tinyurl.com/ltbb-edu-online-learning This resource list is updated regularly, and many of the resources such as suggested learning activities are shared on our LTBB Education Department Facebook page. Be sure to "like" our page for all updates, reminders and interesting learning links. You can either search "LTBB Education Department" in the search engine on Facebook or follow this link <https://www.facebook.com/LTBBEducation/>

If you have any questions, please contact the Niigaandiwin Education Department at 231-242-1480. Tammy Gasco, our Office Administrator, will forward your questions to the appropriate staff.

While we are in challenging times, remember, we are here to support our tribal nation and community.

Miigwech,

Jordan E. Shananaquet, Niigaandiwin Education Director.

Next month, Niigaandiwin Education Director Jordan E. Shananaquet will discuss "distance education" for higher education students.

Courtesy photo.

Nitaazhitoojik Industrial Training Program Information:

Kerstine Bennington, Nitaazhitoojik Industrial Training Project Director, at 231-242-1485 or kbennington@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Industrial Arts Training Information:

Tammi Ward, Operations Manager, at 989-733-4369 or tward@iaiworks.com Northwest Michigan Works: Rob Dickinson, Regional Director, at 231-939-5053 or rob.dickinson@networksnorthwest.org Lisa Schut, Regional Director, at 231-939-5000 or lisa.schut@networksnorthwest.org Additional Financial Resource Information: <https://iaiworks.com/financing-and-scholarships/> *The production of this webpage was supported by Grant 90NA8359 from ACF. Its content is solely the responsibility of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawak and does not necessarily represent the official views of ACF.*

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the necessary skills to become marketable within the welding industry. Upon completion of IAI's 192 clock-hour program, local employers will select students to continue their training through short-term job-shadowing. Eligible students will receive an hourly stipend for the full duration of their enrollment within the Work-Based Learning Training.

Program Objectives

Work-Based Learning Training will include 192 hours of hands-on instruction covering topics such as Shop/ Equipment & Welding Safety, Oxy-Fuel & Plasma Cutting, Gas Metal Arc Welding, Flux-cored Metal Arc Welding, Shielded Metal Arc Welding, Welding Symbols & Blueprint Reading, Applied Welders Math and Employability skills training including Workplace Etiquette, Career Pathways/Exploration, Resume Preparation, Mock Interviewing & Financial Literacy/Budgeting. The best way to the future is to create it.



NITAAZHITOOJIK
INDUSTRIAL TRAINING

ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS

- COMPUTER NUMERICAL CONTROL (CNC)** • Available Winter 2020
- COMPUTER - AIDED DESIGN (CAD)** • Available Fall 2020
- MECHATRONICS** • Available Fall 2021
- WELDING** • Available Fall 2020

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The Nitaazhitoojik Industrial Training (NIT) Program provides financial assistance to eligible students pursuing education in the following STEM-related programs. Assistance can include, but is not limited to, tuition, course material, transportation, and training costs.

For more information, please contact the LTBB Niigaandiwin Education Department.
Phone: (231) 242-1492 Email: kbennington@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Logos for: Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawak, North Central Michigan College, Industrial Arts Institute, ANA Native Americans.

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FOR CURRENT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND FINANCIAL AID UPDATES

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Governor Whitmer Takes Significant Step to Make Child Care Affordable and Accessible for Families

Editor's note: The following is a press release from the office of Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer today (April 29, 2020) announced a \$130 million investment to make child care more affordable and accessible for Michigan families during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Child care providers have been critical partners in helping our state respond to COVID-19, and we are extremely grateful for their service,” Governor Whitmer said. “Every child care provider and early educator is important in giving parents some peace of mind while they are delivering essential services to our state at this challenging time.”

Michigan has created the “Child Care Relief Fund” to provide direct, non-competitive grants to child care providers. These funds help ensure:

- Child care providers currently serving essential workers remain open, and costs associated with providing care during the COVID-19 pandemic are not passed on to essential workers.
- Child care providers can stay afloat during the “Stay Home, Stay Safe” state of emergency.
- Child care is more affordable to families now, and as our economy begins to reopen.
- Child care providers across the state have the resources needed to reopen for Michigan’s workforce when the recovery process of the current COVID-19 pandemic begins and more families are in need of child care options.

Michigan’s Child Care Relief Fund consists of \$100 million in federal CARES Act funding and \$30 million from the state’s child care fund, both dedicated to be used only for child care services.

Licensed child care centers, family group homes, tribal child care providers, provisional disaster relief child care centers and subsidized license exempt providers are all eligible for Michigan’s

Child Care Relief Fund grants.

Grant recipients must commit to reducing their weekly rates for families by at least 10% and provide care for children of essential workers regardless of where their parents or caregivers work. Grant recipients must also agree not to charge a fee to hold a child’s spot in a program while receiving grant funds.

“These funds will help sustain high quality child care that is vital for Michigan’s children and families,” said State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice. “Whether it’s to help child care providers cover fixed costs like their mortgage, utilities, insurance or payroll, we wanted the funds to be as flexible as possible to meet their specific needs.”

The Child Care Relief Fund will be administered by the Michigan Department of Education’s Office of Child Development and Care – with support from the governor’s office and the Michigan Department of Labor and Regulatory Affairs.

Grants start at \$1,500 for home-based providers and \$3,000 for child care centers. Additional funds will be awarded based on the size of the provider, whether they are open and serving essential workers, and their quality rating.

In addition to this grant program, Michigan has also made important changes to the Child Development and Care program, commonly called the child care subsidy.

These changes ensure families can access the care they need and providers have some financial certainty. This includes continuing to review and approve applications; increasing the hours school age children can be in care; extending the deadline for re-determinations so families can continue to receive the subsidy during the crisis; and continuing to make subsidy payments based on the number of children enrolled in a program, not the number attending.

Governor Whitmer Announces “Futures for Frontliners,” a G.I. Bill Program for Essential Workers

Program Will Provide Tuition-Free Postsecondary Education Opportunities for Essential Workers; Governor Announces Other Initiatives to Protect Workers and Their Families During the Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic

Editor's note: The following is a press release from the office of Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer today (April 29, 2020) announced a series of initiatives to help Michigan workers and their families during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, including the “Futures for Frontliners” program to provide a tuition-free pathway to college or a technical certificate to essential workers who don’t have a college degree. This includes workers like the ones staffing our hospitals and nursing homes, stocking the shelves at grocery stores, providing child care to critical infrastructure workers, manufacturing PPE, protecting public safety, picking up trash or delivering supplies.

“The Futures for Frontliners program is our way of saying ‘thank you’ to those who have risked their lives on the front lines of this crisis. This program will ensure tuition-free college opportunities and give these dedicated Michiganders an opportunity to earn a technical certificate, associate degree or even a bachelor’s degree,” Governor Whitmer said. “I want to assure all of our workers we will never forget those of you who stepped up and sacrificed their own health during this crisis. You’re the reason we’re going to get through this.”

The “Futures for Frontliners” program is the first of its kind in the country and was inspired by the federal government’s support of soldiers returning from World War II by providing educational opportunities. Frontline workers who take advantage of this program will help us reach Governor Whitmer’s goal to increase the number of working-age adults with a technical certificate or college degree from 45% to 60% by 2030. The governor stated that she looks forward to working on enacting her proposal with the bipartisan legislative coalition that helped pass Reconnect last month, the program



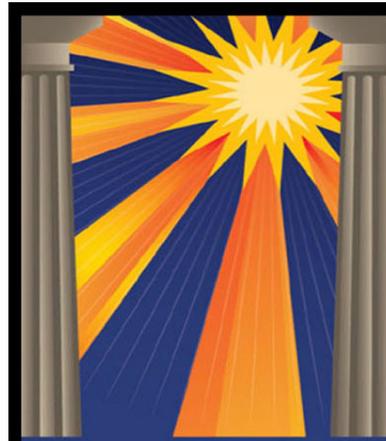
to offer adults over 25 without college degrees tuition-free access to community college.

Governor Whitmer also announced that she is expanding the state’s Workshare Program to allow employers to reduce employee hours to receive weekly unemployment insurance (UI) benefits as well as the additional \$600 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) weekly benefit. Both benefits will be funded through federal dollars. Through July, the program can act as supplemental pay for critical infrastructure workers by allowing them to collect the extra \$600 per week.

Governor Whitmer also called on leaders in Congress to support Senator Gary Peters’ Heroes Fund to provide hazard pay for frontline workers putting their lives on the line to ensure access to lifesaving care, food and other critical services during the pandemic. It is estimated that more than three million of these essential workers are currently on the job in Michigan. Supported by Sens. Stabenow and Peters, the Heroes Fund proposal would provide these workers with an additional \$13 per hour, up to \$25,000, with an additional potential recruitment incentive of up to \$15,000 for essential medical workers.

“No Michigander should have to worry about how to feed their family or pay rent during a crisis. And no Michigander should be scared to go to work,” said Governor Whitmer. “From the beginning, my team and I have been working around the clock to solve those problems for working families. And I will continue to fight for our working people long after this crisis is over.”

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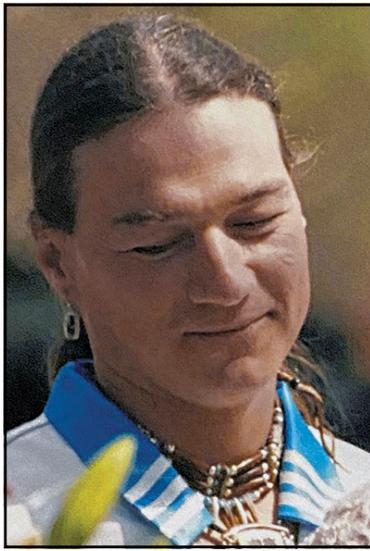
Proud grandparents Jim and Stehanie Sleeman (daughter of Marian and Wayne Sedlak) would like to announce the birth of their third grandchild. Mitchell and Alex Sleeman of Davison, MI, had their third child; first was Audriana, second was Luke, and the newest member of the family is Easton. Born at 3:39 p.m. on May 7, 2020. He weighed seven pounds and 13 ounces and was 20 inches long.

BIRTHDAY



Happy birthday sweet **Cameron** and **McKenzie**! Not a day goes by that we don't think of you! You are still as close to our hearts as the last time we saw you! That will never change! Know that we love and miss you and will always be here! Stay safe, stay well and we ask for God's blessings on you always! We love you...forever! Happy birthday! Grandma and Grandpa Kiogima.

WALKING ON...



Lewis John Keller, 46

Lewis John Keller, 46, of Cross Village, MI, walked on April 30, 2020.

Lewis, or Buzz as he was loving called, was born May 7, 1973 in Petoskey, MI, the son of Walter Stephen "Pete" and Marcella Jean (Gasco) Keller. He attended school at the one room school house in Cross Village, MI, before venturing out on his life's journey, spending time in Florida, Alaska and New York. He was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

On May 7, 2005, he married Wishkobaykikijebowigut (Kiki) Silver in Jamesville, NY. Lewis moved his small family back to Cross Village, MI, in the summer of 2005 where it continued to grow.

Lewis was a loving husband and father, dedicated to his family, friends and community. He was a commercial fisherman who took pride in a hard day's work. He was an avid farmer and hunter and took great enjoyment in drumming, playing pool, snowmobiling, four wheeling, gardening, learning and sharing his knowledge. He was a man of action and integrity who spoke his mind and stood his ground. There is not one paragraph, not one page, not one book, not one person who could tell the entire story of all he was or what he meant to everyone he knew and loved.

He is survived by his wife, Kiki; his children, Songiide, Noodwin, Gimiwanokwe, Onimikiwiis, Niigaanii and Mikwami; his brothers, Phillip, Patrick (Susan), Richard (Pam), Arthur (Donna), Robert, Daniel, Fred (Linda Delmas) and Raymond Keller; his chosen brother, Eric Hemenway; his sisters, Elizabeth (Jerry) and Denise Keller; his many nieces, nephews, cousins, his aunts, his loving in-laws and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Walter "Pete" and Marcella Keller; and his brother, Michael.

The Keller family is planning a celebration of his life which will take place at a later date when everyone can be together as family and friends.



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